

Learn more about the Certificate in Occupational Health Nursing

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Occupational Health Nursing

Protecting, Educating and Assisting Employees in the Workplace

Protect

Certified occupational health nurses (OHN) focus on promoting and protecting the health and safety of workers on the job. With knowledge of OSHA and safety regulations, occupational health nurses implement compliance programs to protect workers. Employed throughout business and industry, occupational health nurses have expertise in toxicology, infectious diseases and chemical hazards. OHNs also identify and assess complaints caused by the work environment.

Educate

With a working knowledge of business and economics, occupational health nurses develop and administer programs to keep workers safe and healthy, directly impacting the bottom line of their employer. OHNs implement wellness and stress management programs to increase employee satisfaction and decrease absenteeism and turnover.

Assist

Occupational health nurses perform medical screening and tests, and function as the first line of defense when a worker is injured on the job, performing first aid or other emergency response. In addition, OHNs counsel workers with substance abuse, emotional and/or family issues.

The Oakland University Occupational Health Nursing Certificate Program

The OU Occupational Health Nursing certificate program prepares registered nurses to successfully complete the Certified Occupational Health Nurse Specialist (COHN) examination offered by the American Board for Occupational Health Nurses (ABOHN), a charter member of the American Board of Nurse Specialties (ABNS).

Registered nurses are best prepared for the examination when successfully passing all six modules.*

Program Overview

Module 1 – Occupational Health: Overview

Module 2 – Workers at Risk: Identifying Occupational Disease and Injury

Module 3 – Epidemiology, Toxicology and Hazardous Exposure

Module 4 – Mental Health in the Workplace

Module 5 – Promoting Health and Safety in the Workplace

Module 6 – The Business of Occupational Health Nursing

Program Topics Include:

- Basic concepts of occupational nursing
- Legislation compliance of the workplace
- Chemical hazards in the workplace
- Physical hazards in the workplace
- Infectious agents and educating workers in prevention methods
- Assessment instruments to identify worker health problems
- Worker mental health/addiction
- Wellness programs
- Management skills

Course Fees

The course fee for the complete curriculum of six course modules is \$600; individual modules can also be purchased at \$100 each.

Testing

Under new guidelines, to sit for the exam, registered nurses must have accumulated at least 3,000 hours of work in an Occupational Health setting over the past five years. For additional information about testing qualifications, please visit abohn.org.

**The modules are approved by the Wisconsin Nurses Association for two contact hours per course (12 total).*