

Getting into OH

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3 principle options

- Study for an OH qualification
- Apply for a junior OHN role – some companies offer relocation expenses if you have flexibility
- Consider an Academy route

OH qualifications

BSc – degree level study

Post Graduate Diploma

MSc

NMC Specialist Practitioner award*

Research carefully – things you should consider are:

- Online / in person – or hybrid
- Part time/ full time
- Fees
- Academic level
- Requirements for placement and Academic/Practice Supervisor (for Part 3 / SCPHN)
- Course content



Some of the courses available.....

University of Manchester:
Master of Public Health (MPH)
with a focus on Occupational
Health

University of Hull: Master of
Research (MRes) in Occupational
Health, Safety, and Environmental
Management, in partnership with
NEBOSH.

Middlesex University: MSc in
Occupational Health, Safety, and
Wellbeing Management

University of Chester:
Postgraduate Diploma in
Specialist Community Public
Health Nursing

University of Derby:
Postgraduate Diploma in
Specialist Community Public
Health Nursing (Occupational
Health) and a PG Cert in Leading
Interprofessional Practice

Robert Gordon University: BSc in
Occupational Health

University of Birmingham: MSc
in Occupational Health and Safety
Management

University of Nottingham: MSc in
Workplace Health and Wellbeing

Cardiff University: Postgraduate
Diploma in Occupational Health

University of Glasgow: MSc in
Occupational Health

University of Salford: Offers an
MSc in Occupational Health and
Safety



OHN / junior roles

- Some occupational health companies offer opportunities for those with transferrable experience to consider junior roles in Occupational Health – mostly working on onsite contracts often as part of a larger team. These can be an excellent opportunity to begin a career in Occupational Health supported by more experienced colleagues
- There may be opportunities in some companies to apply for funded study at a later stage – many companies will consider length of service, performance, business need and other factors such as attendance in decisions for funding



Academy Route

There is a growing requirement for remote case management services in OH. Case management is the provision of advice for employers when they refer an employee for attendance/ performance/ behavioural issues at work.

This is not an easy role, and you will need:

- Minimum 3 years post registration experience in a role that would help you to understand condition management / care pathways
- Excellent communication and report writing skills
- Excellent time management and IT skills

Currently offered by 2 large OH providers (Health Partners and PAM)

12 month trainee programme – home based role – needs to be full time for the initial taught content (circa 8 weeks)

Offers a route into OH and the *possibility* of support for an OH qualification at a later stage

