

Program: Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety

Course: COHN 5110 - Occupational Health Nursing Practice

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Course Description:

This course introduces the student to occupational health nursing practice, OHN competencies, evidence-based practice and documentation standards, and configurations of occupational health service models.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will:

1. Describe the history and current scope of practice in Occupational Health Nursing Practice
2. Know his/her role and responsibilities as an occupational health nurse
3. Know and apply occupational health, safety, environmental legislation and the requirements for the workplace
4. Identify the basic Occupational Health Nursing Competencies in:
 - a. Communication
 - b. Care planning
 - c. Setting priorities
 - d. Decision making
 - e. Record maintenance
 - f. Community resource utilization
 - g. Nursing research and self/peer practice
 - h. Reflective practice standards
5. Know the care and priorities of vulnerable workers.
6. Apply occupational health service models with the workplace stakeholders such as:
 - a. Health and Safety professionals and committees
 - b. Human Resources
 - c. Union Representatives

d. Operations and management

Course Outline:

Module 1: Historical Perspectives in Occupational Health

Module 2: Role of Occupational Health Nurse and the Occupational Health Care Team

Module 3: Special Working Populations

Module 4: Occupational Health Programs and Planning

Module 5: Occupational Health Service Models and Outcomes

Module 6: Global Occupational Health Challenges & Occupational Health Research

Textbooks:

This text is recommended:

Tee Guidotti, M. Suzanne Arnold, David G. Lukcso, Judith Green-McKenzie, Joel Bender, Mark A. Rothstein, Frank H. Leone, Karen O'Hara, and Marion Stecklow (2012). Occupational Health Services: A Practical Approach, *Second Edition*. OEM Press: <http://www.oempress.com/product/occupational-health-services-a-practical-approach/practice-of-occupational-medicine>

This text is optional:

Levy, B., Wegman, D., Baron, S. & Sokas, R. (2011). Occupational and Environmental Health: Recognizing and Preventing Disease and Injury, 6th edition. Published by Oxford University Press.

Academic Requirements:

2 written assignments (35% each)

1 exam (30%)