

Program: **Certificate in Occupational Health Nursing**

Course: **COHN 5150 – Health and Safety Systems in Occupational Health**

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### **Course Description**

Occupational Health Nurses (OHN's) are close colleagues with Health and Safety Professionals in the workplace. While Safety professionals and Industrial hygienists focus on safety in the workplace environment, the OHN's focus on workplace safety is with regard to the workers. It is important that OHN's understand and participate in health and safety systems within the workplace.

This online course will provide OHN's with an overview of what health and safety systems incorporate and how these systems contribute to, and form the basis of a safety culture, which will protect workers in the workplace. The participants will learn best practice as well as legislative requirements in the area of workplace safety and how to proactively evaluate and audit risk. Also included is the post-incident process for investigation, WHMIS and ergonomics in the workplace.

### **Course Objectives**

The goal of this course is to strengthen the ability of Occupational Health Nurses to understand, participate in, and facilitates successful health & safety systems in the workplace with the goal of contributing to safe organizations. Upon completion of this on-line course, participants will understand:

- The importance of having a comprehensive health & safety system in the workplace
- Elements of an effective health & safety system
- How to collect and maintain health & safety information
- How occupational environments are assessed and audited
- How to identify, control and evaluate workplace hazards

- What is involved in Incident investigations and how to ensure ongoing continuous improvement in safety

## **Course Outline**

Module 1: Managing health and safety systems

Module 2: Health and safety information collection and management

Module 3: Ergonomics

Module 4: Health and safety assessments

Module 5: Health and safety hazard analysis in the workplace

Module 6: Incident Investigation

## **Academic Requirements:**

6 self-learning module assessments

One scenario based assignment worth 100% of your course grade.