



Graduate Diploma in Professional Practice with a context in Occupational Health and Safety



Domestic fee: \$5,806

This programme is not available to international students.

Compulsory student levy >
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*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Location	Throughout New Zealand
Duration	One year full-time
Delivery	This programme is delivered by a facilitator/academic mentor working with individuals. Learning is self-paced and as communication can be face-to-face or via email, phone or Skype, learners can access the programme from anywhere within New Zealand

Credits	120
Level	7
Start	Flexible
Apply	Anytime

Delivered via Capable NZ and offered in conjunction with the New Zealand Institute for Safety Management (NZISM)

Are you an experienced Health and Safety practitioner who wants an academic qualification to validate your knowledge?

This Graduate Diploma is a qualification provided for Health and Safety practitioners with many years of experience.

If you have sound experience but no academic qualification to back your knowledge, this programme is the means with which to achieve 'Graduate' status within the NZISM accreditation programme.

This programme is a project-based qualification carried out in an organisation you work for, play a leadership role within or have a key functional relationship with. Alternatively, you may be self-employed and want to use this programme to extend your practice in your field. In some cases, learners may use multiple work and community contexts to complete their learning.

To achieve the Graduate Diploma, you will complete a self-assessment tool prior to enrolment (or early in your enrolment in Course One). This will identify gaps in your learning and practice. During Course One, you will then be able to summarise the new learning needed to address these gaps.

How to apply

1. Complete our enquiry form by filling in your details and choosing the qualification that you are interested in.
2. A pre-assessment survey will then be sent out to you to complete.

3. Complete the online application form and submit it with your CV. One of our team at Capable NZ will send you the link to the application form.

4. You will then start the profiling process with one of our facilitators.

5. If you are successful, we will send you a letter of offer – you just need to accept!

Is this for me?

In the process of achieving the Graduate Diploma in Professional Practice (OHS), you will:

- > acknowledge your professional practice
- > integrate and formalise your experience
- > develop higher-level academic learning skills at a graduate level.

The professional benefits of completing the qualification are:

- > clarification and transparency of your status as a Generalist Health and Safety Practitioner
- > achieving NZISM accreditation membership status of 'Graduate'
- > qualifying for the option to list on the Health and Safety Association of New Zealand (HASANZ) register.

Programme outcomes

At the end of the 12 months, you will have achieved:

- > new learning in your professional field
- > new skills of professional self-reflection
- > increased confidence in your professional practice.

Entry requirements

- > You must hold a bachelor's degree **OR** degree equivalent **AND/OR** relevant practical, professional or educational experience.
- > **International students** will be individually assessed to ensure you meet the entry requirements.
- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - > New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - > Overall Academic IELTS 6.0 with no individual band score lower than 5.5 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), OR
 - > Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see here for NZQA proficiency table and here for list of recognised proficiency tests).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a wide range of English programmes.

Programme structure

The work-based learning approach centres round the relationship between you, your employer/sponsor or field of practice and Capable NZ. The programme is divided into three main phases. The first is a review of your professional learning to date reviewed against a core body of knowledge recognised for the generalist occupational health and safety practitioner. The second is an agreement on what new learning you would like to achieve for professional development against the core body of knowledge. The final stage is completing a project designed to capture these new ideas of insights and to enhance your personal and professional development.

Course	Name of paper	Credits
Course 1	Review of Learning	30
Course 2	Learning Agreement	15
Course 3	Project	75
	Programme Total	120

How is the programme delivered?

Learning and teaching activities within each course may include:

- > mentoring and facilitation via distance processes
- > on-campus workshops and seminars depending on locations
- > online support and course resources through the Polytechnic's Learning Management System

platform (Moodle) and other learning technologies
> online and video link assessment methodologies.

Student loans/allowances

Domestic students of the Graduate Diploma in Professional Practice (OHS) are eligible for student loans and allowances (dependent on other eligibility criteria). Please contact Studylink for additional information. Phone: 0800 88 99 00 or visit the Studylink website.

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