

Professional Diploma in Occupational Medicine

Professional Diploma in Occupational Medicine is a Royal College of Physicians of Ireland programme, delivered in conjunction with **iheed**



About The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland



Established in 1654, the **Royal College of Physicians of Ireland** is a postgraduate medical training college dedicated to ensuring that doctors have the skills to provide patients with the best possible care.

RCPI offers training programmes, examinations, diplomas, certificates and CPD courses to equip doctors with the skills and knowledge they need to care for patients and run safe and efficient healthcare systems.



RCPI MISSION

is to train, educate and continuously develop doctors for current and future world health needs. Our vision is to lead excellence and quality in medical practice through world-class training, education and healthcare improvements in Ireland and internationally



i About the programme

Occupational medicine ensures that workplaces and practice are safe and healthy, allowing employees to be fit for work and at the same time exposed to decreased health risk at the workplace.

It has a vital part to play in rehabilitating employees back into work after Injury or sickness and this has become more important due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This can involve preventative programmes such as immunisations, health surveillance, observing and addressing hazards, and advising organisations (governmental and business) on how to best optimise the health of their most important asset, their employees, while having an understanding of legal issues surrounding workplace safety and employment equality.

The Programme aims to develop clinically focused diagnostic skills through the use of interactive patient cases and simulations. It allows for opportunities to practice and develop diagnostic skills in a highly engaging online format. It enhances the skills required to identify important clinical features, occupational risks and formulate effective management plans for patients and employers.

? Who is the programme aimed at?

The programme is aimed at all physicians in primary, secondary and tertiary care who wish to consult on health and wellbeing in the workplace and manage patients with work-related problems at a non-specialist level.

As such, participants should be qualified doctors registered with their respective professional body.

The Programme will be conducted online and solely in English. Participants are required to be proficient in English and to have access to a laptop with a microphone, speakers, webcam, and reliable broadband coverage.



This programme is provided by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland in collaboration with iheed, a leading medical education organisation.

? What will you gain from the programme?

This Programme is designed to give healthcare professionals a deeper understanding of Occupational Medicine, with a focus on conducting assessments, arriving at diagnoses, and applying relevant legislative and ethical frameworks to support patients and their employers.

By the end of the Programme, learners will be able to:

- › Conduct appropriate employee health and workplace assessments in order to identify, evaluate and manage the health effects of physical, chemical, biological and psychosocial hazards in the workplace
- › Be able to recognise and evaluate disease or injury in relation to the workplace
- › Identify and interpret ethical and legislative frameworks relevant to occupational health
- › Evaluate the relationship between health and fitness to work, including assessment of fitness for duty
- › Evaluate and communicate occupational health information to a variety of audiences
- › Demonstrate an impartial and independent approach to occupational medicine

? How will the programme be delivered?

This interactive Programme will be provided through a delivery model which blends self-directed learning with tutor-led team-based learning. This interactive programme will be delivered fully online through a stimulating learning environment that has:

- › Rich engaging and interactive content designed to maximise interaction
- › Tutor moderated discussion forums
- › Live weekly online tutorials
- › Interactive case based learning
- › Access to an extensive online library, journals and formularies
- › A team of worldwide distinguished experts in occupational medicine
- › Reflective Exercises
- › Small groups sizes
- › Tutor-led peer-to-peer knowledge sharing
- › Online examinations

i Benefits of online education over traditional classroom-based programs are:

- › Flexibility to study at a time and pace that suits each learner
- › Frequent, individualised feedback during the programme
- › Collaboration with international colleagues and tutors
- › High quality, interactive learning materials combined with live expert led tutorials

🕒 Programme Duration

- › **9 months**

📄 Programme entry requirements

Applicants must:

- › Hold a medical degree granted by a recognised institution
- › Have an appropriate standard of English language proficiency

? What does the programme cover?

PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE		
Module Title	Aims	Subject
MODULE 1: Essentials of Occupational Health	The module aims to develop confidence in the assessment of a variety of diseases and disorders in the context of the workplace and to examine issues such as attendance and fitness for duty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › The Role of the Occupational Health Physician › Attendance in the Workplace › Medical Fitness for Duty Assessment › Work Related Mental Health › The Pregnant Employee › Musculoskeletal Disorders › Occupational Disease
MODULE 2: Health & Safety	This module aims to enable students to reduce workplace risk through the identification, assessment and control of workplace hazards, including working practices which could impact on human health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Occupational Hygiene › Occupational Toxicology › Chemical Hazards › Health and Safety › Ergonomics & Shift Work
MODULE 3: Health Surveillance and fitness for safety critical tasks	The module explores the impact of physical agents, irritants and zoonoses on health, informing the learner on appropriate principles of risk management, measurement and control. The module also enables learners to perform medical fitness assessments for safety critical tasks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Exposure to Noise in the Workplace › Exposure to Vibration in the Workplace › Exposure to Respiratory Sensitisers and Irritants in the Workplace › Exposure to Radiation in the Workplace › Exposure to Skin Sensitisers and Skin Irritants in the Workplace › Medical Fitness for Safety Critical Tasks in the Workplace (including Driving) › Occupational Infections › Biological Hazards



Programme Costs

Flexible payment options are available. Please speak with one of our Education Advisors for more information.



Register your interest at occupationalmedicine@iheed.org

Who is iheed?

iheed is leading the way in delivering high-quality **online medical education**. Built by doctors and healthcare professionals, we have **over 30,000 users** across the globe, and believe that effective, accessible medical education is the key to providing better health outcomes worldwide. **iheed** is a division of Cambridge Education Group.

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