



Why Work Health & Safety?

Workplace Health & Safety (WHS) is an area concerned with the safety, health and welfare of people engaged in work or employment through the reduction of risk of potential hazards. Workplace Health & Safety (WHS) can be important for moral, legal, and financial reasons as well as reducing the risk of potential hazards. In common-law jurisdictions, employers have a common law duty (reflecting an underlying moral obligation) to take reasonable care for the safety of their employees. Statute law may build upon this to impose additional general duties, introduce specific duties and create government bodies with to regulate workplace safety issues: Good WHS practices can also reduce employee injury and illness related costs, including medical care, sick leave and disability benefit costs.

The main focus in workplace safety lies on three different objectives: (i) the maintenance and promotion of workers' health and working capacity reducing the risk of potential hazards; (ii) the improvement of working environment and work to become conducive to safety and health and (iii) development of work organizations and working cultures in a direction which supports health and safety at work and in doing so also promotes a positive social climate and smooth operation and may enhance productivity of the undertakings.

From Bangladesh point of view, it is strongly suspected that the numbers of work related injuries or illness in Bangladesh are higher than those reported or published. The statistics also appear to show that, as Bangladesh industrializes, work related injuries are increasing, implying that occupational safety has not risen in line with industrial expansion.

Realizing the growing importance of this issue, the world community has included the promotion of inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for as one of the main goals of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Mentioning the risk of Bangladesh economy due to the unsafe working condition, the importance of WHS in Bangladesh cannot be overemphasized. Therefore knowing and understanding the Work Health & Safety (WHS) related issues, previously known as Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S), will help anyone avoid unnecessary costs and damage to your business caused by workplace injury and illness. It will also provide the business with a strong foundation to achieve long-term success.

Why Collaboration between University of Dhaka and Careers Australia?

The co-partnering and collaboration between the University of Dhaka and Careers Australia aims to broaden the scope to deliver courses on Work Health & Safety (WHS), which is recognized under Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) and accredited by Australian Government. This joint certification on WHS in Bangladesh will allow Bangladeshi student to get opportunity to accomplish WHS qualification and thus develop career as a WHS professional in Bangladesh as well as International market. At present, both in home and abroad WHS is a mandatory need for developing a sustainable industrial and economic growth and meeting the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) plan of UN.

In this context, the MoU between the University of Dhaka and Careers Australia (CA) contains the scope and modalities of the collaboration work and outlines the terms of conditions to working together. University of Dhaka has approved the program of WHS to be run by the Department of Disaster Science and Management.

Career Opportunity

While there are many opportunities for people to participate in work health and safety matters on a part-time basis, most career positions are full-time positions. There are safety positions with different levels of responsibility in a safety career path.

- ❖ Global Job opportunity as an Australian Certified Professional.
- ❖ International competence, skills and knowledge for management and coordination of health and safety practices within the workplace.
- ❖ Local and international job opportunities as WHS coordinator/advisor/facilitator/inspector in various private and public organizations.

Program Details

The University of Dhaka together with Careers Australia offer two program on Work Health and Safety – (i) **Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety (BSB41415)** and (ii) **Diploma in Work Health and Safety (BSB51315)**. Certificate IV course is designed for entry level and diploma program is for managerial level professionals.

Certificate IV Course on WHS

- ✓ 490 credit hours (15 hours a week)
- ✓ Capacity: 40 students
- ✓ Duration: 1 Year
- ✓ Fee: BDT 2,00,000

Diploma Course on WHS

- ✓ 640 credit hours (15 hours a week)
- ✓ Capacity: 40 students
- ✓ Duration: 1 Year
- ✓ Fee: BDT 2,50,000

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Second division or GPA 3.0 out of 5.00 in SSC and HSC examinations.
- ✓ Second class or CGPA 2.5 out of 4.00 in 4 years Bachelor (Honors) degree/3 years Bachelor degree with one year Master degree/2 years Bachelor (Pass) degree with 2 years Master degree/MBBS/BSc Eng. or its equivalent from any recognized university.
- ✓ Persons currently working at GOs, industries, NGOs, media, donor agencies, armed forces, and other organizations and having professional experiences in the relevant fields are encouraged to apply (requirements can be relaxed).

Application Procedure

Application form can be collected from the WHS program office before deadline. The application fee is BDT 1000. The filled-up application form along with all necessary documents (e.g. 2 attested copies of passport size photographs, attested copies of certificates and mark sheets of all examinations, and other documents like working experience, bank receipt etc.) should be submitted to the office and admit card should be collected instantaneously. After the entrance examination, the eligible candidates have to appear and pass in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Pre-Training Test (LLN test will be arranged by the authority free of cost) before admission.

Key Dates

- Application deadline:** 22 September, 2016
- Admission test:** 30 September, 2016
- Admission start :** 09 October, 2016
- Class start date:** 21 October, 2016

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Facilities

- Computer lab
- Library facility
- Interactive course materials
- High speed internet facility
- High-tech classroom