There is greater need than ever for employers to protect and promote the well-being of workers. Current trends shaping the field of Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing include: an increasing number of workplace hazards (including chemical, physical, psychosocial, and biological agents), governmental regulations, an increased prevalence of chronic disease and injury in an aging workforce, public demands for healthcare reform, environmental protection and sustainability, and an increasing emphasis on global health.

This high-ranking program develops future leaders who are uniquely prepared to improve the health and safety of workers on a large scale.
CAREERS
Employment opportunities for occupational and environmental health nurses are abundant due to ever-increasing numbers of workplace hazards. Graduates work in global corporations, hospitals and healthcare systems, federal and state public health agencies, insurance carriers, universities and consulting firms. Professional roles include developing, managing and evaluating programs in illness and injury prevention and management, health protection and promotion, case management, education, and applied research.

POSITIONS HELD BY GRADUATES OF THE PROGRAM
Merck
Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Specialist
Spectrum Health
Occupational Health Nurse
Kaiser Permanente
Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Research Analyst
3M, Inc.
Occupational Health Analyst

ADMISSIONS
Students are admitted to the UMN School of Public Health’s Environmental Health major.

PREREQUISITES
Applicants must have at least one year of professional experience as a registered nurse (licensed to practice in the U.S.), and must have successfully completed a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a related field.

MATERIALS
• Official transcripts
• Statement of Purpose and Objectives
• Resume or C.V.
• Official GRE scores
• 3 letters of recommendation

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Scholarship consideration deadline: December 1. Final deadline: June 15.

EXPERT FACULTY
Our cutting-edge curriculum is created by expert School of Public Health faculty (one faculty member profiled below) in partnership with our Advisory Board which includes representatives of labor, industry, government agencies, academic institutions, and professional associations.

Dr. Pat McGovern’s research investigates occupational and environmental health issues, in particular, exposures impacting women’s and children’s health. Current projects include testing a wellness intervention for caregivers in the healthcare and social service industry, developing a case study of stress and resilience among farmers and farm workers exposed to Avian Flu, and conducting a pilot study examining exposure of mothers and infants to metals in drinking water and infant neurodevelopment.

STUDENT RESEARCH EXAMPLES
• Necessary Drugs; Unnecessary Exposures: An Intervention to Protect Oncology Healthcare Workers
• Implementing a Sharps Injury Reduction Program at a Charity Hospital in India
• A Mixed Methods Inquiry into the Injuries Sustained by Security Guards at a Level 1 Trauma Hospital

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