Occupational and Environmental Health

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Graduate degrees: M.S. in occupational and environmental health; Ph.D. in occupational and environmental health
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The Department of Occupational and Environmental Health focuses on assessment of risk factors in the physical environment and their relationship to disease—particularly health problems of agricultural and industrial workers. Students are guided by faculty members whose research interests include rural health care delivery, agricultural health, environmental health, occupational medicine, occupational lung disease, mammalian toxicology, inhalation toxicology, ergonomics, indoor air quality, occupational injury, injury epidemiology, injury prevention programs, aerosol physics, air and water quality, environmental chemistry, analytical toxicology, and environmental health in developing countries.

In addition to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in occupational and environmental health, the department offers a subprogram for the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree in occupational and environmental health. The subprogram provides students with a broad perspective on public health and career preparation for a variety of professional positions in occupational and environmental health. Students have the option of selecting focused coursework in the following areas: global environmental health, occupational health, rural health and safety, injury and violence prevention, and environmental and occupational epidemiology. For more information, see the Master of Public Health in the Catalog.

The department also offers the College of Public Health’s graduate Certificate in Agricultural Safety and Health; see Agricultural Safety and Health in the Catalog.