

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 3 Certificate for Occupational Health Technicians (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to enable you to increase your skills and knowledge in the role of an Occupational Health Technician.

The qualification has been designed with the support of the Society of Occupational Medicine (SOM), which comprises of experienced Occupational Health Professionals, including practicing Occupational Health Practitioners, under whose supervision this role operates. The qualification focuses on the essential skills and knowledge required to fulfil the role of an Occupational Health Technician, combining both principles and practice, and is mapped to the SOM's Occupational Health Technician Training Curriculum.

Who is it for?

This qualification is designed for you if you are either new to the role or have some experience within the role of Occupational Health Technician and would like to formalise your required knowledge and skills through achieving a recognised qualification.

The qualification may also be useful if you are working in a nursing, care or similar environment and your role contains elements of Occupational Health screening or monitoring.

What does this qualification cover?

The qualification consists of six mandatory units. The units cover the essential areas of knowledge of Occupational Health Technician's role in both principles and practice. You will cover the key requirements for carrying out the role effectively, by studying units in Roles and Responsibilities, Professional Behaviour, Risk Management, Fitness for Role, Surveillance, Health Monitoring and Safe and Effective Use of Screening Equipment.



What are the entry requirements?

You should be over the age of 18 and ideally working in an Occupational Health Technician, or related environment.

Due to the level of this qualification, it is recommended that you have English and Maths Skills to at least GCSE Level, or Level 2 equivalent, or have sufficient in-role experience of using the required English and Maths skills.

What are the assessment methods?

You will complete a portfolio of evidence which could include a range of evidence such as assignments, projects, reflective journals, presentations and professional discussions.

What are the progression opportunities?

By completing this qualification, you will enhance your current skills in the role of an Occupational Health Technician and may progress onto more advanced qualifications within the Sector. This qualification will enhance the skills and understanding of those seeking to enter the profession, enable social mobility and progression to higher level courses.

