AY2027 Application Guideline for International Students

Doctoral Course in Graduate School of Occupational Health,

University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan

◆ Educational Purposes

The aim of our medical graduate program is to cultivate a deeper understanding of the theories in medical education; their application in the fields of medicine, nursing science, and other healthcare technologies; and their contribution to the progress of medicine, nursing science, healthcare technologies in the field of occupational medicine, and the improvement of social welfare. Our graduate school also offers a unique English language program aimed at developing the human resource skills necessary to work effectively in an international environment.

【Graduate School of Occupational Health】

This course is intended for doctors, dentists, pharmacists, sanitary technicians, public health nurses, and other healthcare professionals, who have studied medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering, science, nursing, health hygiene, and other similar fields, at university and who aim to become specialists in occupational health. On this course, students are taught how to prevent adverse health effects on workers in the workplace, to support the continuation of employment of workers with chronic illnesses, and to promote the health of workers and a comfortable working environment. This course is also open to practitioners, researchers, and educators in the field of occupational health.

○Doctoral Course

In the Doctoral Course, we further develop the scientific knowledge and skills acquired in our Master's Course and the Master's Courses of other universities. The course cultivates researchers and educators with advanced abilities and a rich academic knowledge who can independently identify the nature of occupational health-related problems and develop the methods necessary for solving them.

Degree title: Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Health

◆Admission Policy [Doctoral Course in Graduate School of Occupational Health]

1. Applicants who aspire to become experts and educators in occupational health capable of solving any challenge in the field.
2. Applicants must be motivated to further deepen their exploration of their specialized field and proactively promote scientific advancement and the development of technologies applicable to the workplace.
3. Applicants must possess an interest in research and education, as well as a desire to explore these fields.
4. Applicants must possess the logical thinking, analytical, and presentation skills necessary for problem-solving.
5. Applicants must understand the role that each specialized field plays in society and have the aspiration to contribute to society.

1. Date of Admission April 1, 2027

2. Enrollment Capacity

8 persons* for the Doctoral Course in Graduate School of Occupational Health

(1) There is no special quota for international students.
(2) If the capacity is filled on the first selection of the academic year, the second selection will not be conducted.

3. Application Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements or be expected to meet one by March 31, 2027.

(1) Those who hold a master's degree or a professional graduate degree or are expected to obtain one by the above date.

(2) Those who have completed 18 years of formal education in a foreign country or are expected to complete such education by the above date.

① Before applying, submit a list of your education history (starting with primary school) to the Academic Affairs Section to confirm if you are eligible or not. Entrance examination fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.

② The following language proficiencies are desirable for lectures and research supervision:

- English: Sufficient proficiency to receive research supervision.

- Japanese: Sufficient proficiency to participate in lectures and daily life without difficulty (some lectures are conducted in Japanese).

4. Examination Schedule

Second Selection for AY2027	
Application Period	Tuesday, December 1, 2026 – 17:00, Friday, December 18, 2026 (JST)
Examination Date	Monday, January 25, 2027
Announcement of Results	Friday, February 26, 2027
Enrollment Procedures	Wednesday, March 3, 2027 – Wednesday, March 10, 2027

*Opening Hours: 9:00 to 17:00 from Monday to Friday (except for public holidays)

5. Application Procedures

(1) Preliminary Consultations

Before submitting your application documents, the applicant must contact the supervisor in the field you wish to join and have an interview about the study plan after enrollment and obtain his/her approval for your application.

*Please refer to "16. Overview of Research Fields and Supervisors" and the university website before contacting us for the first time.

<Examples of Topics for Preliminary Consultations>
-The relevance of your intended research topic or desired course of study to the research specialization of your prospective academic advisor
-Your prospective academic advisor's research guidance philosophy and methods
-Your overall course schedule, including lectures
--Any special considerations required for the application process or your studies
-Other matters related to graduate school

*Please note that preliminary consultations are limited to topics such as research topics, course content, and student life. We are unable to answer questions regarding specific exam content or provide feedback on application documents.

(2) How to submit your application documents

Mailing Address:

Office for Graduate School, Academic Affairs Section
University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan
1-1 Iseigaoka, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu,Fukuoka 807-8555, JAPAN

① (Applicants who resides in Japan) Send by Post such as registered mail (郵便書留).

② (Applicants who resides outside of Japan) Send by Post such as EMS or registered mail service.

③ Please write down “Application Documents Enclosed” in red on the envelope.

(3) Important Notes

① Applications will not be accepted if any of the following deficiencies are found.
-Incomplete or incorrect entries on the application forms
-Missing the proof of payment for the entrance examination fee
-Missing the required certificates or documents

② If any false information is found on the application documents, admission may be revoked even after the enrollment.

③ All documents may be submitted in either Japanese or English.

6. Application Documents and Entrance Examination Fee

Applicants must prepare and submit the following documents. Please ensure all documents are completed and submitted by the deadline. Designated form can be downloaded from: https://www.uoeh-u.ac.jp/english/graduate/health.html

Document	Who may submit	Notes
Application Form & Resume	All applicants	-Use the designated form and attach a photo. Fill out your preferred field of study.
Exam Admission Ticket with Photo & Exam Admission Ticket		-Fill out the designated form and attach a photo on each ticket.
Applicant’s photo (Three copies in total)		-Size: 4 cm × 3 cm, upper body, no hat, facing forward, taken within the last 3 months. -Attach three copies on the designated forms.
Certificate of (Expected) Graduation		-Issued by the President or Dean of your university of graduation. *Must be dated within 3 months of application.
Academic Transcript		
Certificate of (Expected) Completion for Master’s Program and Academic Transcript	If applicable	-Applicants who have completed or are expected to complete a Master's Program (Graduate School Doctoral First Stage) must submit a certificate of (expected) completion and an academic transcript. *Must be dated within 3 months of application.
Master’s Thesis (copy) or Research Progress Report	All applicants	-If you have not completed your thesis, submit a research progress report (1,000–1,500 characters in Japanese or 600-1,000 words in English, A4, free format). Attach copies of related publications, abstracts, or patents if available.
Certificate of Degree	If applicable	-Issued by your university of graduation.
Research History or Certificate of Employment		-Required if you have relevant experience.
Copy of your passport	All applicants	-Copy of your passport photo page.
Copy of your residence card	If applicable	-Only for the applicant who already resides in Japan.

Letter of Recommendation	All applicants	-Issued by the Head of your university of graduation or current affiliation.
Health Certificate		-Must include a chest X-ray result.
English Language Proficiency Certificate	If applicable	-Those who have a result of an internationally-recognized English Language Skill Test must submit it.
Certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency		-Applicants are required to submit a certificate of results from the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or other documents objectively demonstrating Japanese language proficiency, such as a certificate of attendance at a Japanese language school.
Entrance Examination Fee 30,000 JPY	All applicants	-Payment Method: Transfer the fee to the following bank account and attach the receipt (copy acceptable) to the designated section of your application form. (Applicant who resides in Japan) 西日本シティ銀行　産業医大出張所 口座名「学校法人産業医科大学」 口座番号「普通預金　０００００１５」 (Applicant who resides outside of Japan) *Please make sure to include the applicant's name in English and write "Examination Fee" in the message. *Transfer fee and account lifting charge must be borne by the applicant. Recipient name: UNIVERSITY OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, JAPAN Bank name: THE NISHINIPPON CITY BANK, LTD. Branch name: SANGYOUIDAI BRANCH Branch number: 747 SWIFT code: NISIJPJT Account No: 0000015 Country: JAPAN *If paying via internet banking, you may submit a printed copy (A4) of the transaction confirmation or screenshot. *The examination fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.

*If you are unable to prepare all required documents by the application deadline, please contact the Office for Graduate School of the Academic Affairs Section in advance.

*Additional documents may be requested for the purpose of verifying your eligibility.

*Please use the "Application Checklist for the Doctoral Program in Occupational Health" to ensure that all required documents are complete.

*If any documents are written in your native language, please attach a Japanese or English translation.

*Procedures related to obtaining a short-term stay visa for the entrance examination or a student visa must be handled individually by each applicant.

7. Application Review Process

Assessment of each applicant is based on a comprehensive evaluation of the applicant's examination results, interview performance, and other relevant factors.

*For international applicants, language proficiency in both English and Japanese, as required for lectures and research supervision, will be assessed during the interview.

Examination Schedule and Subjects

Examination Date	Time	Content
Monday, January 25, 2027	10:00 – 11:00	-Written Examination Subject: Foreign Language (English). Applicants are allowed to use a paper dictionary only. (Electronic dictionaries and wearable devices are not allowed.)
	From 13:00 Each session will last approx. 15 minutes per applicant.	-Oral Examination Related to the field of your choice -Interview

(1) Important Notes

① On the day of the examination, please bring your examination admission ticket and writing materials.

② On the day of the examination, please receive your exam admission ticket at the department of which your supervisor belongs to.

③ Examination venue will be open at 9:30 (tentative). Please be seated by 9:50.

④ The interview schedule will be posted on the day of the exam, and the interviews are expected to conclude by 17:00.

⑤ During the examination, only the following items may be placed on your desk. All other items must be stored in your bag or similar. Mobile phones, PHS devices, wearable devices, etc., must be turned off, placed in your bag, and must not be worn.

Admission ticket, black pencils, mechanical pencils, mechanical pencil leads, erasers, dictionaries (electronic dictionaries are not permitted), pencil sharpeners, watches (timekeeping function only), eyeglasses, handkerchiefs, eye drops, and tissues (removed from their packaging).

⑥ All entries on the answer sheet must be made using a black pencil (HB or B; mechanical pencils are also permitted).

⑦ During the examination, please remain quiet. If you need to speak, raise your hand and follow the instructions of the proctor.

⑧ Answer sheets distributed during the examination must not be taken out of the examination room.

⑨ Any applicant found to have committed misconduct during the examination will be disqualified from both the examination and admission.

8. Address of Examination Venue

Room 2201, 2th Floor of the UOEH Main Building No. 2
University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan
1-1 Iseigaoka, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, 807-8555, JAPAN

9. Announcement of Successful Applicants

The applicant numbers of those who passed the entrance examination will be posted on our website and admission documents will be sent to the department which your supervisor belongs to.

https://www.uoeh-u.ac.jp/english/graduate/health.html

10. Entrance Procedures

Entrance procedures must be completed either by the applicant in person or through their supervisor/affiliated department at UOEH.

If you reside outside Japan and find it difficult to submit the required documents in person, please contact the office for further instructions.

(1) Required Documents

Enrollment Agreement	Designated forms available
Form of Comakers	
Personal Information Form	
Emergency Contact Information	
*If you already reside in Japan Certificate of Residence Information(住民票記載事項証明書)issued by ward office in Japan	One copy
Applicant's Photo Two copies in color	*Photo requirements: One upper-body, hatless, front-facing photo taken within the last 3 months. (Size: 4.5 cm (height) × 3.5 cm (width)) One must be attached to "Personal Information form", the other will be used for the student ID card. Please write your name on the backside of each photo.

(2) Where to submit

-Office for Graduate School, Academic Affairs Section (Enrollment Agreement only)
-Student Support Section (Other documents)

Please bring or send all the documents by post such as registered mail (郵便書留) to 'Student Support Section.

Mailing Address:
Student Support Section, University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan
1-1 Iseigaoka, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, 807-8555, JAPAN
+81-93-603-1611
If you are living outside of Japan, please contact Academic Affairs Section.

(3) Visa Procedures
① International students need to obtain a visa to enter Japan. Without the necessary visa upon arrival, you will not be granted permission to enter Japan.

② The Immigration Services Agency requires approximately two months to review an application for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). In addition, the issuance of a student visa may take approximately three weeks depending on the embassy or consulate office. Applicants are advised to apply well in advance.

③ Pre-entry Tuberculosis Screening
Applicants who are nationals of the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, Myanmar, or China are required to submit a "Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate" in addition to the standard application documents when applying for a Certificate of Eligibility.

As the implementation date of this requirement varies by country, applicants from the countries listed above must check the details at the following website:
Pre-entry Tuberculosis Screening Official Website
(URL) https://jpets.mhlw.go.jp/jp/

11. Tuition fee and other fees for AY 2027

-Admission Fee: 282,000 JPY

-Tuition Fee (Annually): 535,800 JPY
First Semester: 267,900 JPY (to be paid between April 1 and 30)
Second Semester: 267,900 JPY (to be paid between October 1 and 31)

-Student Education and Research Accident Insurance: 2,650 JPY (for 3 years, estimated)

-Liability Insurance Supplement for Student Education and Research: 1,500 JPY (for 3 years, estimated)

12. Exemption of Tuition Fee

All students must pay the tuition fee for the first semester of their first year. However, privately funded international students may be exempted from paying full or half tuition upon application if they are unable to pay tuition due to financial reasons and their academic performance is recognized as excellent.

13. Scholarships

There is no UOEH scholarship available for international students. Privately funded international students can apply for scholarships elsewhere. (International students cannot

apply for scholarship of Japan Student Services Organization, but non-Japanese permanent residents can.)

14. RA/TA (Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant) Program

The RA (Research Assistant) and TA (Teaching Assistant) programs allow graduate students to assist with educational and research activities in exchange for a stipend allowance. Please consult your supervisor for details after enrollment.

15. Other Information

For inquiries regarding the entrance examination, please contact:
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16. Overview of Research Fields and Supervisors

(1) Occupational Pathophysiology Field

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Occupational pathophysiology is a field that addresses serious occupational diseases characterized by irreversible pathological changes, such as cancer and fibrosis, or diseases that progress toward such irreversible conditions. Specifically, it investigates a wide range of pulmonary inflammatory and fibrotic disorders caused by inhalation of chemical substances present in the workplace, including organic and inorganic chemicals and industrial nanomaterials. It also explores the mechanisms and pathophysiology of occupational cancers induced by chemical, physical, or biological factors. These investigations are conducted through in vitro cell culture studies and in vivo animal experiments, aiming to elucidate disease mechanisms, promote early detection of irreversible changes, and propose preventive strategies to mitigate the impact of hazardous exposures on workers.
In the “Special Thesis Guidance” course, students will acquire detailed knowledge of various occupational cancers and occupational lung diseases, along with practical skills to investigate the mechanisms underlying irreversible pathological changes. Furthermore, students will review existing literature on occupational cancers and lung diseases, identify research themes, formulate hypotheses regarding the relationship between hazardous factors and pathophysiology, and learn analytical methods including molecular biological approaches necessary to test these hypotheses. Students will also engage in discussions to develop concrete research plans and evaluation methods for their own research topics, thereby constructing robust research designs.
Ultimately, through comprehensive discussions covering research topic formulation, research ethics, literature review, methodology, statistical analysis of results, and interpretation based on existing knowledge, students will cultivate the ability to independently refine and solve scientific problems. This course aims to empower students to identify and scientifically address challenges

related to the prevention and reduction of workplace- and task-related cancers and respiratory diseases.

(2) Occupational Health Science Field

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Occupational Health Science is a field dedicated to the exploration and application of scientific methods to ensure the health and well-being of workers. It addresses issues such as mental health problems, stress and fatigue, health promotion across all age groups, and challenges related to the aging workforce. The field identifies problems proactively and proposes practical, feasible, and measurable interventions aimed at improving worker health. These interventions are implemented and evaluated, with the ultimate goal of enhancing productivity in the workplace through improved well-being.
In the "Special Thesis Guidance" course, students continue from the master's level by first investigating current information on mental health problems, stress and fatigue, workplace health promotion, and interventions for the aging workforce. After gaining an understanding of conventional research methods and their outcomes, students identify unresolved issues and urgent challenges. They then formulate original research themes and hypotheses that can contribute to the field of occupational health.
Students design experimental and survey methodologies to test their hypotheses, engage in discussions to refine their research plans, and carry out their studies. They perform statistical analyses of the results, compare findings with existing knowledge, and draw conclusions. Through this process, students develop the comprehensive ability to write high-quality academic papers suitable for publication in leading international journals.
Ultimately, this course cultivates the capacity to implement practices that optimally maintain worker well-being and fosters the development of scientists who can make meaningful contributions to the field of occupational health.

(3) Hazardous Work Management Field

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The field of Hazardous Work Management focuses on understanding and managing work-related diseases caused by chemical, physical, biological, or complex factors associated with occupational activities. This involves identifying the scope of such hazards, understanding the fundamental pathophysiology of related diseases, their connection to employment, and developing strategies to prevent disease onset and progression. The ultimate aim is to prevent harmful exposures before they occur and to acquire practical methods for workplace response and worker education.
In advanced industrialized countries, the focus of occupational health has shifted from traditional occupational diseases to managing workers with lifestyle-related illnesses. In particular, the

response to radiation exposure and the harsh working conditions following the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident is expected to become increasingly important.
On the “Special Thesis Guidance” course, students will deepen their understanding of various diseases caused by hazardous work, their characteristics, and detailed pathophysiology. They will analyze key occupational health issues such as protective measures, safety considerations, and appropriate job placement. Students are expected to independently identify research themes and working hypotheses, develop and apply analytical methods to test these hypotheses, and summarize their findings in a scientific and logical manner.
Through collaborative discussions, students will build their research framework-, including topic selection, methodology, results, discussion, conclusions, research ethics, and literature review-, and develop the ability to write scientific papers independently. The course aims to equip students with the skills to scientifically identify address challenges related to the prevention and reduction of diseases caused by hazardous work environments.

(4) Occupational Epidemiology and Medical Humanities Field

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This field aims to provide scientifically grounded and effective support for individuals, groups, and organizations in the workplace, with the goals of disease prevention, life extension, and improved quality of life. It investigates the distribution of workplace health conditions and related factors, as well as cultural values surrounding health—such as views on life, illness, and death—through interdisciplinary perspectives including epidemiology, preventive medicine, bioethics, medical anthropology, public health, nursing science, and behavioral science.
Specifically, students acquire scientific and practical approaches to maintaining and promoting the physical and mental health of workers. They also examine the historical development of industrial society and occupational health systems, incorporating ethical perspectives, and explore effective support strategies and ideal models for occupational health systems.
In the “Special Thesis Guidance” course, students develop essential skills such as literature review, data collection, statistical analysis, and research ethics, while also enhancing their presentation and discussion abilities. They are expected to independently identify research questions, design analytical and problem-solving approaches, and conduct research based on optimal methodologies.
The ultimate goal of the doctoral program in this field is for students to analyze research data collected based on their own questions and concerns, present their findings at domestic and international academic conferences, and publish in leading international journals related to occupational health and bioethics. Through this course, students will acquire the ability to independently provide scientifically based support for disease prevention and reduction in occupational health settings.

(5) Occupational Hygiene Engineering Field

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Occupational Hygiene Engineering is a field dedicated to exploring realistic and effective methods for predicting, measuring, evaluating, and managing health hazards present in work environments and processes. A fundamental step in this discipline is accurately identifying harmful factors in the workplace. These include chemical substances such as dust, gases, and vapors; physical agents like noise, vibration, and ionizing radiation; and increasingly, biological agents such as bioaerosols.

The primary goal of this field is to learn how to control these hazardous factors. In the "Special Thesis Guidance" course, students begin by analyzing the mechanisms and causes of hazardous substance emissions into the environment. They then study methods for measuring and predicting the behavior of these agents, evaluate harmful chemicals and factors in the environment, and learn engineering techniques to eliminate them. Through this, students gain a comprehensive understanding of control methods, effective workplace improvement strategies, and risk assessment techniques in occupational hygiene.

Students are expected to conduct literature reviews, participate in conferences, seminars, workshops, and academic meetings to acquire broad knowledge across the field. They develop the ability to independently solve problems and enhance their presentation and discussion skills. For their own research themes, students design experimental systems, collect data, and engage in discussions with academic advisors to interpret findings from an occupational hygiene perspective, ultimately compiling their research into a doctoral dissertation.

This field integrates knowledge and techniques from occupational health, chemistry, toxicology, sanitary engineering, ergonomics, health science, epidemiology, and physiology. It aims to cultivate professionals with the ability to solve diverse problems in work environments and processes—equivalent to occupational hygienists in Western countries—as well as engineers and researchers who can take leadership roles in the field of occupational hygiene.

(6) Occupational Health Management Field

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Occupational Health Management is a field that focuses on addressing health risks and other occupational health challenges in companies and workplaces by applying management systems and marketing methodologies. It involves planning, implementing, and evaluating occupational health programs to theoretical framework and conducting empirical research aimed at mitigating health risks among workers.

In the "Special Thesis Guidance" course, students acquire foundational knowledge of occupational safety and health management systems, as well as health and productivity management, along with methods and theories related to risk assessment of hazardous factors and strategies for reducing health risks among workers. Students review academic literature on interventions using occupational health programs and the operation of occupational safety and health management systems tailored to workplace risks and needs. From this, they identify research themes and formulate hypotheses regarding intervention methods and effectiveness evaluation. They also

aim to master analytical techniques, including epidemiological approaches, necessary to test these hypotheses.

Students engage in discussions to develop concrete research plans and evaluation methods for their chosen topics and construct robust research designs. Ultimately, they cultivate the ability to independently define research questions, conduct literature reviews, apply appropriate methodologies, analyze results statistically, and derive conclusions based on existing knowledge. Through comprehensive discussions, they develop the skills to refine and solve scientific problems independently.

This course equips students with the ability to scientifically design, implement, and evaluate occupational health programs using management and marketing approaches, thereby enabling them to provide evidence-based solutions to occupational health challenges and contribute to the improvement of worker health and safety.