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RMIT extends its OHS accreditation

RMIT University has gained accreditation for their Master in Occupational Health and Safety.

RMIT was the first university to gain OHS accreditation when their Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety was accredited in 2012. They have now renewed their accreditation for a further five years and extended the accreditation to include the Master of Occupational Health and Safety.

With the Graduate Diploma forming the course work, students undertaking the Master component complete studies in research methods and a research project which is usually work-based.

Pam Pryor, Registrar of the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board, said that “the RMIT Master in OHS fills an important niche in OHS professional education in that the focus on the research project is the key activity following the Graduate Diploma course work. As such, the RMIT Masters develops both research and professional skills in the graduate”.

Associate Professor Susanne Tepe said that “through a combination of group discussion sessions to create a ‘community of practice’ combined with individual reviews with supervisors and a focus on action research, the emphasis of the masters program is about creating workplace change within a structured research framework”. Tepe went on to say that “as a staff group we have been impressed by the quality of the project outcomes”.

There are now eight universities with a total of 15 accredited programs (2 undergraduate, 7 graduate diplomas and 6 master programs)

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