Welcome to the Master of Science in Occupational and Environmental Hygiene Program

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Welcome to the OEH program

Congratulations on being accepted into the Master of Science - Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (MSc OEH) program, and welcome to the School of Population and Public Health at UBC.

Before we begin, we'd like to acknowledge the unceded, traditional territory of the Musqueam people, upon which UBC's Point Grey campus is located.

The OEH program is highly competitive and you are joining a very distinguished group of graduate students. Starting a graduate program is exciting and we are here to support you throughout your entire academic program.

In this guide, you’ll find information about the steps you need to take to meet the program requirements, so it’s important that you read it thoroughly.

It’s also important to remember that it is ultimately your responsibility to make sure you know and complete all requirements to finish this program, so it’s a great idea to familiarize yourself with this guide and the program website:

http://spph.ubc.ca/programs/msc-oeh

This guide also contains more general information about the School, the University and Vancouver, but if you have any further questions, we are always here to help and you can find contact details on the Contact Us page.

We wish you all the best in the program, and we look forward to meeting you.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) and UBC’s response

We encourage you to visit latest updates here for current information. This website contains useful information and is updated regularly.

Program Overview

The MSc OEH program is one of the only programs in Western Canada to offer a graduate degree in hygiene. Hygiene is the science that recognizes hazards through application of toxicology and epidemiology, evaluates exposures in workplaces and communities, and controls hazards through use of engineering principles with the ultimate goal of eliminating or reducing the hazard.

The UBC OEH program is unique in offering its program in two options: the project (practicum) option and the thesis option. The typical project option timeline is structured so that all academic coursework can be completed within 20 months. The average time for a thesis student to complete their course work and research varies between 24 and 36 months.

For more information, see the Program Requirements section of the website.

OEH graduates gain skills that allow them opportunities to work in the public and private sectors, healthcare, agriculture industry, regulatory agencies, academia, and more.
Start date

The first day of classes for Winter Term 1 is September 8th. There will be a SPPH Orientation session held remotely, followed by an OEH orientation. The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies usually holds a UBC orientation the week prior to classes starting. For more information on Grad Orientation events please visit Graduate student orientation.

Faculty Advisor

All students are assigned a Faculty Advisor over the summer, chosen with your career goals and interests in mind. Your Advisor will be a mentor for you throughout your program, and will be available to help you with things like course selection, choosing between thesis and project options, and general information about the University and the School. We highly recommend introducing yourself to your Advisor prior to planning and registering for courses. If, for any reason, you want to change your Advisor, please let us know.

You will also be assigned a 2nd year MSc OEH student as a “buddy”. Your buddy can help you with all the questions you might have, from local Vancouver pubs to advice on course electives.

Campus-Wide Login (CWL) & Email Account

Once you have your UBC Student Number, you can apply for a CWL username and password, which will allow you access to all UBC systems (including email). If you havenot registered for a CWL yet, you can do so via UBOT. We recommend that you setup a UBCmail account for written UBC communication.

Student Service Centre (SSC)

The SSC is the system that you use to perform all UBC administrative tasks such as register for courses, pay fees online, access grades and transcripts. It is also where you keep your address and email information up-to-date. The contact information in the SSC is what Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and the Registrar's Office will use, so it is important that you keep it updated. Please note that your password is original set to your birth date (YYMMDD).

Tuition & Other UBC Fees

You will need to pay your UBC tuition and student fees when you start classes in September. UBC graduate program fees are paid three times per year, in September, January, and May, for the duration of the program regardless of number of courses taken. The only way for students not to pay fees is to be on a leave of absence.

Course Registration

Before you begin the program, you will need to register in your first term courses via SASC. UBC will contact you with the date that registration opens (usually in June). Students can add or drop courses via the SSC until the second week of term. You can find out deadlines to add or drop courses, and more, in the UBC Calendar. It is very important to meet with your faculty advisor or Program Director prior to start of Term to ensure you are taking the correct courses to suit your interests.

Credit Transfers & Exemptions

If you think that you have taken a course that may be transferable to the MSc degree, please read the Faculty of Graduate Studies policy to find out which courses may qualify for a credit transfer or an exemption and contact spph.msc-oeh@ubc.ca before you begin the program.

UBC Canvas

Canvas is UBC’s primary learning platform for delivering online course content. Here you will be able to share, view course materials online through UBC’s Learning Technology Hub, Canvas, using your CWL login. Click here to acquaint yourself with this system.

UBC Card

Once you have registered with SSC, you can visit the UBC Bookstore to pick up your UBC card, which is your Library card, student ID card and voting identification for student elections, for more information click here.

UBC Library

Once you have your UBC card, you can take advantage of the UBC Library system. You will need the barcode number on the back of your UBC card to log onto the Library network. Your PIN is the last five digits of the same barcode. At UBC, library branches focus on particular subjects and are located near related academic departments. To see a map showing the location of all library branches on campus, click here.

Your First Month at UBC

There are lots of fun events in the first month of the program to which you will be invited. We encourage you to attend these events as it’s a great way to meet your new peers, faculty, staff and affiliated organizations. You will receive further information regarding each of these events throughout the summer, but you can also check the Graduate Student Society Events Calendar here.

UBC Recreation

Covid-19

Return to Activity

UBC Athletics & Recreation is beginning to safely re-open our sport facilities and re-start our programs. As of July 13, most UBC Sport Facilities including the UBC Aquatic Centre and the BirdCoop Fitness Centre will be re-opened with limited or reduced activities to accommodate the guidelines and recommendations of local health authorities.

As additional facilities re-open and new programs are offered, updates will be shared. Here you will find the most up-to-date information about what's open, available programs, and the safety changes made to address COVID-19 concerns.

Fitness - There several gyms and fitness facilities on campus including the Student Rec Centre, ARC Fitness, the UBC Bodyworks and a Gold’s Gym in the Village. Most have student membership pricing.

There is also a swimming pool on campus. Visit UBC Red for more information.
Life in Vancouver

Transportation
Public transport (Translink) to and from UBC is excellent. When you are a full-time UBC student, your student funds will pay for a mandatory U-Pass/Compass Card which will allow you to travel on any method of transportation (bus, Skytrain, Seabus) at any time. You can apply for U-Pass exemptions for courses without scheduled classes such as summer Coop placements. Please check here for more information.

There are many designated bicycle routes in Vancouver and some buses can carry up to two bicycles – useful for the uphill ride to UBC. More information about bicycle routes, including a map, can be found on the TransLink website or from UBC’s Campus and Community Planning.

Parking
A variety of parking options are available on the UBC campus. Be forewarned: regulations can be confusing and change with construction and special events. - read signs carefully! Students can purchase a UBC parking permit or pay hourly for the Health Sciences Parkade (the nearest lot).

Accommodation
If you're looking to rent accommodation, useful sources include Craigslist, PadMapper, Kijiji, and AMS Rentline, run by the UBC Alma Mater Society and geared towards students. Short term accommodation options include Hostelling International and Airbnb.

The Great Outdoors
Vancouver is an active community surrounded by beautiful mountains, beaches and forests. Cycling is a popular method of transportation in and around Vancouver. Around UBC, there are numerous parks, walking, running, biking trails, several beaches, as well as the newly constructed Arbutus Corridor. See list of the top spots in and around Vancouver.

Things to do in Vancouver

There's always something going on in Vancouver.
The downtown area offers the Vancouver Art Gallery, theatres such as the Orpheum, Queen Elizabeth, the Vogue, and cinemas such as the Dunbar, Fifth Avenue, Rio and Scotiabank Theatres.

Vancouver is home to frequent fantastic festivals, including the Vancouver International Film Festival, JFL Northwest, the Vancouver Fringe Festival, the Jazz Festival, the Vancouver Pride Parade and the Surrey Vaisakhi Parade. Link here for Vancouver events

Vancouver is famous for its proximity to snow sports hubs, such as Cypress, Whistler and Grouse, so snowboarding lovers should pack their board wax. Free shuttle is now open between downtown and Grouse, check here.

UBC
The University of British Columbia has a beautiful campus with many must-see sites. The Museum of Anthropology (pictured below) is listed by LonelyPlanet as one of Vancouver's top sites, while the Rose Garden overlooking the ocean and surrounding mountains is always popular.

Less well known but still well worth a visit is the Nitobe Memorial Garden, a traditional Japanese Tea and Stroll garden, while the blue whale skeleton in the nearby Beaty Biodiversity Museum is an awe-inspiring sight.

Those looking for an arts fix can head over to the Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery or the Chan Centre for Performing Arts, while fresh air fanciers can check out the 40 hectare model farm located on campus or the Botanical Gardens.
The School of Population and Public Health

Follow the link [here](#) for messages to SPPH Community regarding COVID-19

School of Population and Public Health
Your home base is the School of Population and Public Health building on the UBC Point Grey campus. The address is 2206 East Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z3. Most SPPH classes are held in this building, and you will also find staff and faculty offices here.

You can access the common areas from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, while the lobby and study space in the basement remain open until 8:00 pm. If you are studying late, you may want to use the Safe Walk service.

Email and Contact Lists
We need your email address to add you to various student listserv groups for both MSc OEH and SPPH communications. Please advise the program coordinator of any changes to your contact information. Also remember to keep your contact information up to date in the SSC & G+PS. These are used to contact you so must be current at all times.

Computers
There is a computer lab on the basement level of the SPPH Building. Passwords for the computers are posted on the wall and access is free. There are also two computers located in room 144 on the main floor. You may inquire at the SPPH reception on this. Public computers are also available at most of the UBC Libraries. Please see link [here](#). Woodward Library is the closest to SPPH.
Printing, photocopying and faxing
Printers, photocopiers and fax machines are available for students in the SPPH building. Please contact the SPPH receptionist at info@spph.ubc.ca to obtain a copy account. There are also a number of libraries close by, which contain printing facilities.

There is a small printer in the Level 3 Student Office, and if you have a laptop to hook up to the printer (and download software), you may use this printer free of charge. Please notify Karen Bartlett when supplies (toner, paper) are running low.

Environment
We all care about sustainability and the environment, and we hope you do too. You will find recycling facilities on all floors, bins for composting organic waste, and bins for cans and bottles. Separate bins are available for refundable drink containers. If you would like to be involved in the SPPH Sustainability Committee, please contact Karen Bartlett. They are often looking for helpers and would welcome your enthusiasm.

Facilities
The SPPH building has two private showers on the basement level, as well as assigned lockers, generally reserved for those who ride their bikes to UBC. If you would like a locker, speak to the SPPH receptionist at info@spph.ubc.ca to see if any are free. There are also lockers in the Level 3 Student Office, which you can sign up for by contacting Karen Bartlett (based on availability).

There is a small kitchen to the right of reception, and a larger kitchen on the second and third floors, which contain communal fridges, dishwashers, kettles, microwaves and toasters. MSC-OEH students are welcome to use the 3rd floor kitchen at any time.

Evacuation assembly points
It’s important to note that in the unlikely case of a fire or other emergency that requires evacuation from the SPPH building, you should exit the building from the front, cross the road (East Mall) and gather in front of Michael Smith Laboratories (2185 East Mall), under the cover.

In the event of an earthquake, you should get into an open area, away from buildings and proceed to your emergency meeting location. For further information contact Stefan Mladenovic.
Life at SPPH

Created in 2008, and part of the Faculty of Medicine, the School has four divisions: Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health Practice; Health in Populations; Health Services and Policy; and Occupational and Environmental Health. SPPH looks to create, share and apply knowledge through research to improve the health of the public around the world.

Grand Rounds, OEH Seminars and PD Workshops

OEH Seminar series is held on Fridays during the academic year. This is where the best of current research in our field is presented. Attendance is mandatory. Past seminars can be viewed here.

The OEH Professional Development Course series is a combination of various OEH related topics talks, career building workshops and training for Practicum placements. During Term 1, these sessions will be held on Fridays from 9 to 10.30AM and for Term 2 to be decided. Attendance is mandatory for both SPPH 598 and SPPH 599.

Grand Rounds is a monthly seminar series held during the academic year involving both faculty and guest speakers. It’s a great way to meet other students and faculty and discover the breadth of research which occurs at the School. Watch out for announcements on upcoming speakers. Click here to view our previous talks.

SPPH and OEH Websites

The SPPH website, www.spph.ubc.ca, is an incredibly useful resource which can answer many student queries and is continually updated with information about course schedules, course outlines, listing of faculty and staff, various events, etc.

The MSc OEH website is also a great resource for current students. There is information on the program, credits/requirements, project/thesis options, awards, alumni and careers.

Job Opportunities

Many SPPH students work as Teaching or Research Assistants during their studies. You can find information about all opportunities on the SPPH website. Applications for TA’s open in early spring each year. Generally students do not TA in their first year, as they are all taking the core courses.

UBC Careers is another excellent resource for job seeking. Also, your email address will be added to a listserv called “OEH Impactor”, which often has career opportunities in the OEH field advertised through emails from companies and alumni.

Bike share program

UBC has recently started the smart bike sharing to deliver bike share at the Vancouver campus. Prices range from $1 a ride to discounted memberships.

Visit here to learn about the UBC bike share program.

Student Representation & Feedback

We have OEH student reps in the School, attending the OEH Division monthly meetings, as well as various committees in SPPH, to make sure your interests are represented. Please contact Shaine if you would like to get involved.

OEH runs two Student Feedback sessions per year. All students are expected to attend, and these are beneficial in helping our program be the best that we can, and provide updates and changes for future students.

Student Communications

A bi-weekly newsletter is sent to students detailing upcoming awards deadlines, job opportunities, call for abstracts, events of interest, and relevant workshops and courses.

Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology

The Graduate Student Program, run by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT), offers a variety of workshops, seminars, and one-on-one coaching on teaching and related topics. Workshops are free for UBC graduate students and Teaching Assistants.
Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

What is G+PS?
Established in 1949, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS) is the governing body for all graduate programs at UBC. G+PS approval is required for a whole host of issues relating to students: course approvals, status in the program, program progress, graduation, etc. You can use this G+PS webpage as reference for your program. A G+PS Student Orientation is planned for the end of August - keep an eye out here for date and time confirmation.

Common OEH student queries
Click on the topics below to find answers to Frequently Asked Questions regarding policies and procedures that are set out by G+PS. Don’t hesitate to contact us at the OEH Program for any further questions.

• Part-time status
Students who wish to enter the program on part-time basis must obtain approval from the program director and graduate program advisor as part of the admission process. Many restrictions are imposed on part-time studies and it can be more expensive as the student fees are assessed on a different schedule. Part time study has particular implications for international students. Please read here the section of the G+PS website carefully if you are considering this option.

• Leave of Absence
• Western Deans’ Agreement
• G+PS forms
• Graduation

GPS Workshops
The Graduate Pathways to Success (GPS) program is a palette of non-credit workshops, seminars and activities designed to complement your graduate program’s academic curriculum and mentorship experience as well as the OEH short course requirement. They fill up fast!

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries
Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies administers most graduate awards and their Award Database is a great resource for all students. MSc OEH students have won numerous awards in the past, so feel free to apply to multiple awards. Click here for a list of SPPH internal awards.

Some awards are for thesis-based programs only and this should be indicated in the award description. If you are unsure, you can contact G+PS. Be sure to check the process guidelines for each award and plan accordingly. Some awards require more than one internal (SPPH) and external signatures which are required by the submission deadline.

It’s a good idea to check in with the OEH Program Coordinator for guidance when applying.

Graduate Student Travel Fund
Awarded once per degree program, the Travel Fund provides one-time travel support up to a maximum of $500 per graduate student who presents a paper or poster at an official conference or symposium while they are enrolled full-time in a graduate degree program. Travel awards are issued by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

OEH Travel Fund
Students may be eligible to apply for travel support to a maximum of $400 to present a poster or paper to an official conference or symposium. This is issued through the OEH division.

Cascadia Conference – due to COVID-19 it will not be held this year
This joint conference between UBC, UW, and SFU, is held every year. It is usually held in early January and runs for 2 days. All firstyear OEH students are eligible for partial financial support to attend. In order to cross the Canada/US border, students require a passport.
The MSc OEH Program & Requirements

Term start dates
Winter Term I begins on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020,
Winter Term II begins Monday, January 4th, 2021.

Program Requirements
The MSc OEH program offers two options for students to choose from - the Project Option and the Thesis Option - both of which require the completion of 42 credits.

Depending on which program option you choose, some course selections differ. When deciding on which program option is best suited for you, students may speak with their advisors, the Program Director or any OEH Faculty. The decision does not need to be predetermined upon entry to the MSc OEH program – students are given until December to declare which option they wish to take. Below is a quick guide to both options:

### Thesis Option
- 21 credits of Required courses (including 12 credits for thesis)
- 9 credits of recommended elective courses
- 12 credits of elective courses (Faculty approval)
- OEH Seminars
- Chemical Safety short course
- 2 Short Courses
- Oral Exam (thesis defense)

### Project Option
- 15 credits of Required courses (including 6 credits for project)
- 18 credits recommended elective courses
- 9 credits of faculty approved electives
- OEH Seminars
- Chemical Safety short course
- 2 Short Courses
- Capstone

For more information on the program options please check here and for the short courses required see here.

To access various MSc policies and forms see here.

Important note about the Project Option: It is important to note that the Summer Practicum required for the project option is not guaranteed to students. Though we have not yet had an instance where we could not find a placement for a student, it’s imperative to understand that the practicum is based on how many jobs we receive from prospective host companies, and also on each student’s performance with applications and the interview process. If students cannot be placed, it is a possibility that students may need to switch to a thesis option.

Relationships between OEH Courses
There are three core areas of expertise in Occupational and Environmental Hygiene, areas that are key skills to learn for practicing in this field.

| Recognition | Evaluation and Control |

You can emphasize certain aspects of hygiene to cover all areas broadly. Knowing and understanding these concepts are central to the MSc OEH degree, for either the Project or Thesis route.

If you are unsure about which areas to study, or have general questions about what courses can lead to a particular desired competency you wish to graduate with, it is highly recommended that you speak with your faculty advisor about your course selections.

Required course SPPH 535 Principles of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene will teach students the breadth of these areas of expertise. The courses below are where you can expect to learn more about each area:

**Recognition:**
- SPPH 533 (3) Toxicology & Public Health
- SPPH 522 (3) Topics in Environmental Health (Required course)
- SPPH 534 (3) Occupational Health and Illness Processes

**Evaluation:**
- SPPH 502 (3) Epidemiological Methods 1 (Required course)
- SPPH 567 (3) Quantitative Methods for Assessment & Analysis of Exposure Data
- SPPH 562 (3) Chemical and Biological Hazard Measurement

**Control:**
- SPPH 563 (3) Technical Aspects of Chemical & Biological Hazard Control SPF 565 (3) Ergonomics
- SPPH 568 (3) Safety
- SPPH 569 (previously MECH 505) (3) Acoustics & Vibration
- SPPH 522 (3) Topics in Environmental Health (This is a required course to round out the Practice of Hygiene)

**Elective Courses**
As mentioned previously, the program requires some recommended elective courses and some secondary electives. See here for a full list of all OEH courses.

The list of recommended electives includes courses that will help students with the core areas of expertise (mentioned above), or to focus on a particular area such as Environmental Health. These credits are to build on the required courses to create a focused set of skills based on your interests or career goals.

The list of secondary electives is primarily made up of other SPPH courses (full list here) and courses from other departments that have a relevant focus, such as Occupational Health. This list is for guidance only, and students are allowed to choose any elective course relevant to their program work to make up the elective credits. Note that any courses taken outside of SPPH need Program Director approval.

There are many factors that play into course selection; thesis work, co-op prep, career goals, and most importantly - graduating with the full suite of core competencies you will need to begin your career.

For this reason it is very important to check with your faculty advisor or Program Director.
### Course Schedule 2020 - 2021

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*Note: Time & Day to be Announced values are placeholders for the upcoming terms.*
### UBC Scholarships, Awards and Fellowships

#### Application Deadlines

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<th>CIHR Masters Awards [CGS]</th>
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<td>All Aboriginal students are eligible but priority is given to those whose traditional territory falls, at least in part, within Canada</td>
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#### OEH Awards (cont’d)

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<td><a href="#">WorkSafeBC Research Training Awards</a>, $20,000+ and $2,500 travel/research fund</td>
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<td>MSc or PhD students who are studying occupational health and safety research in B.C</td>
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<td><a href="#">AIHA BC-Yukon Award, $1,000</a></td>
<td>February/ March – check website for exact 2020 dates</td>
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<td>Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a genuine effort to be involved in the AIHA BC Yukon Section via attendance at monthly meetings and participation in the Mentoring Program</td>
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<td><a href="#">AIHF Scholarship</a></td>
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<td>American Industrial Hygiene Foundation awards to students dedicated to studying industrial hygiene</td>
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<td><a href="#">A.L. Riegert Award, approx $650-$1,000</a></td>
<td>Awarded by OEH program</td>
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<td>Given to the full-time student with the highest average in 15 credits of a minimum of 18 core credits taken in the first year of the MSc program</td>
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<td><a href="#">UREA Formaldehyde Foam Insulation Action Association Bursary, approx. $500</a></td>
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<td>Awarded to student investigating toxic chemicals and pollutants, with particular emphasis on their effects on human health</td>
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<td><a href="#">BC Air Quality Awards</a></td>
<td>See website for deadline for each award</td>
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<td>There are scholarship awards for students researching air quality and environmental health; Robert Caton Scholarship, David Bates Scholarship, and CLEAR Fund Scholarship</td>
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### Graduation

You can apply to graduate via the [Student Service Center](#). For more information about graduation, please click [here](#).

The G+PS website has detailed explanations of the graduation process.

#### Tuition fee reversal

Once you have met all the graduation requirements, paperwork will be submitted to G+PS for program completion. You will be making a formal application for graduation through the Student Services Centre. Make sure your UBC financial account is settled. Please contact the [Tuition Fee Payment Office](#) at Brock Hall to request a refund of any remaining portion of the term’s tuition fees. Only full months of tuition can be refunded. Note: remember to apply for graduation in your last semester if you are expecting to graduate! Please see [Applying to Graduate](#) for more information.

#### Getting Registered as a Hygienist

After graduation, students are encouraged to apply to write the preliminary exam for certification with the Canadian Registration Board of Occupational Hygienists ([CRBOH](#)). Annual membership fees are $255 (2019) and you can register through the [website](#).

#### Careers and Alumni

A survey of OEH alumni found 31% of respondents were first employed in Government, be it local, provincial or federal; 25% in the Education sector; 21% in Private Industry, and 15% in Consulting.

For more information on MSc OEH Alumni and careers see our website [here](#).
UBC Student Services

A list of all Student Services for UBC students, including food services, housing, counseling, clubs, and more can be found here.

**Wellness Centre**
This clinic is located at UBC Life Building. Wellness Peer Educators are trained student volunteers who can answer your questions, talk with you, and recommend resources for everyday concerns related to health, relationships, and workload. Drop in to the Wellness Centre, to talk with a Wellness Advisor or attend number of “Health & Wellness” programs.

**Counselling services**
UBC’s Counselling Services offers free counselling for students, and can help with issues such as stress and depression. Located on campus, you can make an initial appointment for 30 minutes to determine the most appropriate services for you in your follow-up appointments.

**Enrolment Services**
Enrolment Services can help you with financial support, tuition and fee payments, and obtaining transcripts, as well as course scheduling. The organization is located in Brock Hall.

**Safe Walk**
The UBC campus is large, and if you need to walk a fairly long distance alone, or at night, it’s highly recommended to use the UBC Safewalk program. Call 604.822.5355 and they will send you a co-ed team of walkers to accompany you. They work closely with campus security and RCMP, and easy to spot - look for the red jacket, flashlight and clipboard. You can also use the UBC Blue Phones around campus if you’re ever feeling unsafe.

**Access and Diversity**
Access and Diversity provides support and leadership around accessibility for people with disabilities. The organization can help students with disabilities when it comes to taking exams, academic work, and student loans, among many other services. Access and Diversity has several locations on campus.

**CSI&C**
The Centre for Student Involvement and Careers (CSI&C) has a resident graduate advisor available to all students and offers career resources and advice, orientations, and much more.

**Aboriginal Services**
Aboriginal Students at UBC have access to the First Nations House of Learning, whose mandate is to make the University’s vast resources more accessible to Aboriginal Peoples, and to improve the University’s ability to meet the needs of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. The Longhouse is a valuable support network for our Aboriginal students.

**Pride UBC**
The Pride Collective provides information and support for people identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and two-spirit, as well as education to the wider UBC community, and hosts social events such as Outweek in February. Students are welcome to hang out in the Collective’s lounge at NEST 2103, which is open weekdays for study and socializing.

**Graduate Student Society**
The Graduate Student Society (GSS) looks out for your interests as a graduate student, be they academic, social, cultural or recreational. The GSS has a great calendar of events for graduate students, from coffee socials to softball leagues to time management workshops. The Society has a graduate only space, the GSS Loft, Room 4202 in the AMS Nest.

**Sexual Assault Support Centre**
The AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre provides free and confidential support services to anyone who needs it at UBC, including support groups, advocacy, short-term and crisis emotional support, and a lending library. The Centre is located in the Nest in Room 3127.

**International Student Support**
If you’re arriving from outside Canada, there’s a lot of support available to you as an international student through International Student Development. UBC has tools for improving your English, managing cultural transitions and homesickness, as well as guide to banking.
As UBC continues to navigate the COVID-19 outbreak, and in support of physical distancing protocols, the University has implemented a Remote Work Arrangement for Faculty and Staff till further notice. Feel free to contact us by email.

These are your key contacts in the MSc OEH program. Please feel free contact us if you have any questions or need help. Don’t forget that you have your faculty advisor and your student buddy that you can contact as well!

Dr. Karen Bartlett, MSc OEH Program Director
Dr. Bartlett’s office is on the third floor, room SPPH 364. Please call 604-822-6019 or email karen.bartlett@ubc.ca for appointments.

Gina Abernethy, Professional Programs Manager for MHA, MPH, MSc OEH
First floor, Rm. SPPH 171, Tel 604-822-9207 or email gina.abernethy@ubc.ca

Shaine Meghji, MSc OEH Program Coordinator
First floor, Rm SPPH 166
Best to contact first if you’re unsure of who to ask a particular question. Call 604-822-2827 or email spph.msc-oeh@ubc.ca.

Dr. Mieke Koehoorn, MSc OEH ➸ Practicum Coordinator
Dr. Koehoorn’s office is on the second floor, room SPPH 293, 2206 West Mall. Please call 604-822-5756 or email mieke.koehoorn@ubc.ca for appointments.

Dr. Christopher McLeod, Head - Occupational and Environmental Health Division
Dr. McLeod’s office is on the third floor, room 331. Please call 604-822-4994 or email chris.mcleod@ubc.ca for appointments.

SPPH Reception
Located at the reception desk in the lobby on the first floor of the SPPH building. The receptionist can help with finding rooms, faculty offices, booking meetings, and obtaining computer lab passwords. You can email Christine Kerr at info@spph.ubc.ca

Click here to learn more about SPPH Staff & Faculty, all of whom are happy to help students with any questions or support!