

CHART A COURSE

Push to deliver industry skills

Course Master of ergonomics, safety and health.

As organisations become more accountable for OHS and the ergonomics of our working environments, things are changing at the coalface. Regulators such as Worksafe Victoria are encouraging companies to choose "suitably qualified professionals" for the job, and other state bodies are expected to follow with a similar push.

The change means those who have been working in the field for a while without formal qualifications might need to head back to study, to courses such as this master of ergonomics, safety and health.

A senior lecturer in ergonomics, safety and health at La Trobe University, Dr Jodi Oakman, says a skilled worker understands the importance of the big picture.

While La Trobe's course is highly regarded for its expertise in musculoskeletal disorders, students choose a final-year project or minor thesis on their own area of interest.

Duration Three years part time or full-time equivalent.

Time About seven to nine hours' study a subject a week.

Where Distance education with some optional on-campus activities.

When Intake semester one and semester two.

Link latrobe.edu.au/courses.

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