

The MSc environmental health online at the University of Derby has been designed by a core team of academic staff who are specialists in the field of environmental health.

It's the only programme in the United Kingdom that's currently accredited online by both the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland.

I did look at other universities but I particularly like the MSc at Derby Online purely that I wasn't stuck having to travel one day a week to attend lectures, it is something that I can do in my own time that I could login as many times as I wanted and it just seemed to fit my whole work life, social life balance and at the end of the day give me the qualification that I needed to further my career.

Environmental health covers a wide range of subjects and they're all underpinned by public health and wellbeing.

I'm interested in how a naturally built environment effects on human population and I want to seek different direction and improve my knowledge about environmental health issues.

Students also benefit by having a dedicated online learning advisor who will support them throughout their studies.

Their tutors are really good and you can email them any time of day so it's almost like being at uni but you can access the lecturers whenever.

Communicating with other colleagues is very useful via the wiki groups; we all talk to each other online, discussion boards etc.

To obtain accreditation students need to attend a one week residential module which is held here at our Derby campus in the U.K.

The residential course is really good because you actually get to meet with other students that have also been studying and share your experiences and the group works really good because you get to see other people's perspectives and amalgamate your ideas.

Having accreditation is really important for most of our students; the majority of students wish to pursue a career as an environmental health officer or as an environmental health practitioner and to do this they do need the accreditation from the professional body.

Students who have studied with us have gone onto be very successful in their careers; some have become environmental health officers working in local authorities, some have gone to work in the private sector as consultants, some have gone to work for Public Health England and some have even setup their own companies.

I would recommend using the University of Derby Online, the facilities have been excellent, it's been so good to be able to do it in my own time and I do have a job to maintain at the same time so anyone that's in a similar position to me that wants to further their career it's the only option that I considered and I would certainly recommend it to anyone.