



GILS LEARNING · CERTIFICATE COURSE 1 OF 7 · GILS-C01

Work and Health: Occupational Health for Health Professionals

The medical side of work: occupational disease, workplace injury, fitness for work and return to work — for doctors, nurses and public health staff.

Status	In development — contributors wanted
Format	Self-paced online, on GMJ Academy (academy.gmj.ge)
Workload	About 20 hours (planned)
Languages	English and Georgian (planned)
Assessment	Knowledge check at start and end; module quizzes
Certificate	Certificate of Completion — GMJ Academy & GILS
Fee and start date	To be announced
Contact	info@accreditation.ge

Introduction to the course

Work shapes health in ways that clinical practice often overlooks. This course gives health professionals the knowledge to recognise work-related illness and injury, take an occupational history, advise on fitness for work and return to work, and understand the Georgian legal and institutional framework for occupational safety — connecting the clinic with the workplace.

Why this course

- Work is a major determinant of health, yet occupational health receives little attention in Georgian medical training.
- Georgia's accredited occupational safety specialist programme prepares workplace safety specialists; it does not train clinicians to recognise and manage work-related illness.
- Georgia has not ratified the ILO's fundamental conventions on occupational safety and health (No. 155 and No. 187), and the Labour Inspection Service recorded 32 workplace deaths in 2025, 21 of them in construction.

Who should attend

- Doctors in primary care, emergency medicine and specialist practice
- Nurses and other health professionals
- Public health and occupational health staff

- Medical and public health students

Learning outcomes

On completion, participants will be able to:

- Recognise common work-related diseases and injuries and take an occupational history
- Explain the Georgian legal framework for occupational safety and the role of the Labour Inspection Service
- Advise patients on fitness for work, sickness absence and return to work
- Use international guidance (ILO, WHO) in clinical and public health practice

Planned modules

1. Work as a determinant of health
2. Taking an occupational history; common occupational diseases
3. Workplace injuries: prevention, recording and reporting
4. Fitness for work and return to work
5. Law and institutions: the OSH law, labour inspection, ILO standards

Provisional outline, to be finalised with module authors and reviewers.

How you will learn

- A short knowledge check at the start and at the end of the course
- Self-guided modules with readings, short videos and quizzes
- Georgian case material drawn from sourced GILS analyses
- An end-of-course assessment leading to the certificate

Call for contributors

GILS and GMJ Academy invite experts to author or review modules. We are looking for: Occupational physicians, public health specialists, OSH professionals with clinical experience. Contributors are credited by name. Write to info@accreditation.ge with a short CV.

About the certificate

The Certificate of Completion is issued by GMJ Academy and the Georgian Institute of Labour Studies. It is not a state-recognised qualification and does not carry CPD credits unless such accreditation is obtained and announced on the course page.

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