Radiation Health Physics Graduate Major (MHP, MS, PhD)

Major Code: 3750

Graduate Areas of Concentration

Application of nuclear techniques, boron neutron capture therapy, emergency response planning, environmental monitoring, environmental pathways assessment, nuclear medicine, radiation detection and instrumentation, radiation dosimetry, radiation shielding, radioactive material transport, radioactive waste management, research reactor health physics, risk assessment

Also available via Ecampus.

The School of Nuclear Science and Engineering offers graduate work leading toward the Master of Engineering, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Nuclear Engineering and Master of Health Physics (MHP), Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Radiation Health Physics.

The nuclear engineering and radiation health physics graduate degree programs are designed to prepare students for careers involved with the many beneficial applications of nuclear energy, radiation, and radioactive materials. The nuclear engineering and radiation health physics professions are essential to society’s well-being since they enable significant public benefits through energy security, national defense, medical health, and industrial competitiveness.

The radiation health physics graduate curricula and research programs are designed for students with professional interests in the field of radiation protection. This specialized field involves an integrated study of the physical aspects of ionizing and nonionizing radiation, their biological effects, and the methods used to protect people and their environment from radiation hazards while still enabling the beneficial uses of radiation and radioactive materials.

Competitive fellowships and research and teaching assistantships are available to incoming graduate students. The U.S. Department of Energy and National Academy for Nuclear Training support a number of fellowship programs each year. Oregon State University is one of eight participating universities in the U.S. where students may attend graduate school on the Nuclear Engineering, Health Physics, and Applied Health Physics fellowships sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. Each year the National Academy for Nuclear Training also supports fellowships for students entering nuclear engineering and radiation health physics at OSU. Research and teaching assistant opportunities are also available for students to support the educational and research programs conducted by the department.

World-class facilities are available for the instructional and research programs of the department. These are housed in the OSU Radiation Center and include a TRIGA Mark II nuclear reactor, the Advanced Thermal Hydraulics Research Laboratory, the APEX nuclear safety scaled testing facility, and laboratories specially designed to accommodate radiation and the use of radioactive materials.

For more information, visit the department’s website at http://ne.oregonstate.edu/.