

RCN INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL MODULE (IPC)

This course may be of interest to registered nurses working within the following areas:

Infection Control Leads in nursing homes or GP surgeries
Link nurses/practitioners
Infection control practitioners requiring a refresher module
Ward/department/clinic managers

Module Aim:

To critically evaluate the knowledge and evidence underpinning infection control practice and implement local and regional practice change.

Objectives:

The student will be able to:

- explore the holistic approach to infection control care and the impact at a local, regional and national level
- critique and evaluate the application of evidence based microbiology application
- explore microbiology application and practice, within the workplace and patient groups
- discuss the process of change management within their workplace implementing evidence based practice to improve standards for the benefit of patients, the public, health care workers and employers
- develop a work-based portfolio and report which demonstrates an infection control practice change at local or regional level.

Hours of study:

Students will have access to e-learning and taught resources appropriate to the individual's needs.

The delivery will be by a blended learning approach:

One preparation day online; three taught days; online learning after each taught day; complimented by telephone coaching sessions.

Total study time: 200 hours



Course content:

The module delivery will consider the training needs and organisational responses with regard to the following issues:

- the individual practitioner's responsibility for essential practices to prevent infection within the individual's work setting
- the concept of antimicrobial resistance and its relationship to the prevention of infection
- practice supporting the collection of and interpretation of laboratory specimens
- ethical, legal and professional issues related to the prevention of infection
- surveillance and the recognition of infection clusters and outbreaks
- the individual's and organisational responsibility for assurance of practice standards in the prevention of infection
- critical reflection on the prevention of infection and the delivery of high quality local/regional health care services
- evaluation of practice change and review of the outcomes.

Academic credits available:

Academic credits are not able to be awarded for this pilot module at present.

Assessment method:

Online portfolio of up to 5,000 words maximum (inclusive of reflections and report).

Course dates: 27 November 2018 - 31 May 2019

Taught Delivery dates: 27 November 2018, 12 February 2019 and 7 May 2019

Assessment:

Submission of the course reflective portfolio (5,000 words) is 31st May 2019.

Costs of undertaking the module:

Cost is £1,250 + VAT

Students will be expected to pay for their individual travel to London and any other travel expenses as a result of undertaking the module.