

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for expressing interest in the forthcoming RCN Foundation module on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC module). This course will commence in November 2018. The alterations in dates are due to the development of online resources to support your journey through the module.

Please find below further details on the module.

Module Title: 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:

The process of learning will be supported by access to e-learning and taught resources appropriate to the individual's learning needs. The delivery will be by a blended learning approach:

One preparation day online, three taught days and three online learning days.

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

The course will commence with the first of three face-to-face teaching days to be held at RCN headquarters in London.

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:

Costs will be confirmed shortly.

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