



**RCN**  
Infection  
Prevention  
and Control

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# ▶▶ Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Programme

Supporting the reduction of  
antimicrobial resistance



This new clinical programme is designed to offer all professionals working in infection prevention and control, the skills to lead the prevention of infection in their role, supporting and impacting on the reduction of antimicrobial resistance.

The prevention of infection is central to health and wellbeing. The increasing threat of antimicrobial resistance particularly to antibiotics, means health professionals need to be equipped with the right clinical and leadership skills that enable them to respond to daily challenges they face.

Designed for healthcare workers whose roles include responsibility or support for the prevention of infection locally. This includes but is not limited to nurses, podiatrists, paramedic and health protection practitioners. The course is relevant to all health and social care settings as well as NHS and Independent providers. This course is designed to be suitable for participants from all UK regions.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course will prepare participants for the current and future challenges to their roles that directly impact on the prevention or management of infection.

- To critically evaluate the knowledge and evidence underpinning infection
- Learn how to lead a service improvement project in the workplace
- Identify the most effective way to manage change in the workplace
- To develop practical skills that support improvements in the prevention of infection and for the benefit of patients, the public, health workers and employees.

## MODES OF DELIVERY

Specifically designed for delivery as a blended learning course. The process of learning will be supported by access to e-learning and taught resources appropriate to the individual's learning needs. This includes, one preparation day online, three face to face taught days, three online learning days and six individual coaching hours for each participant.

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

The module has been designed specifically to enable development of clinical and leadership skills in the prevention of infection.

### Face to face day 1

- Introduction to the course and online learning
- Microbiology: Basic microbiology
- Microbiology: Common disease causing microbes
- Microbiology: Specimen Collection

### Face to face day 2

- Introduction to surveillance
- Applying NMC code to IPC
- Preventing and managing infection
- Demonstrating value

### Face to face day 3

- Assurance and regulation
- Raising concerns
- Recognising and managing outbreaks
- The art of having a difficult conversation

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