

Infection Prevention & Control

The prevention and control of infection is one of the biggest challenges currently facing the NHS and is an issue that affects everyone working in healthcare. This programme acknowledges the role of all clinicians as Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practitioners, partners and leaders and aims to produce evidence-based practitioners or members of an IPC team.

For further details, including entry requirements, please visit:

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Postgraduate Certificate

The programme consists of two 30 credit modules:

- Core Principles of Infection Prevention and Control (Module One)
- Translation of Infection Prevention and Control into Practice (Module Two)

You have two years to complete the award, but typically, the Post Graduate Certificate can be achieved in one year.



Core Principles of Infection Prevention and Control

What it's about

This first module is designed to advance your knowledge, understanding and skills in infection prevention and control (IPC). Throughout the course you will focus on the theoretical principles and concepts at the forefront of IPC as an academic discipline and clinical specialty. You will also learn how to review contemporary IPC evidence and how this can be applied effectively to clinical practice.

Indicative syllabus

- Microbiology and epidemiology of infectious disease
- New technologies and practices relevant to IPC
- Antibiotic usage for treatment and prophylactic purposes
- Evidence based practice in IPC: principles and tools
- Environment and decontamination
- Management of the infected patient
- Theories, concepts and policies of IPC
- Immunology, host defence and protection



Translation of Infection Prevention and Control into Practice

What it's about

This second module is designed to advance your knowledge, understanding and skills in the reduction of healthcare-associated infections. During this course you'll focus specifically on leadership in individuals, teams and organisational systems, and the translation of infection prevention and control (IPC) at its best into practice.

Indicative syllabus

- Organisational systems, processes and environments
- IPC compliance: attitudes and behaviours within organisations
- Ways of working in IPC: clinical champions, leaders and teams
- National and local drivers for change in IPC
- Critical thinking: reasoning, decision-making and persuasion
- Business planning for the prevention of healthcare associated infections
- Knowledge translation: closing the gap between best evidence and practice