

- **Overview**

The MSc Infection Control online course has been designed for nurses and other health professionals who have an infection control role in their workplace but is open to anyone with an interest in this area. Delivered as an online course, the MSc Infection Control course gives you the flexibility to study whilst you continue to work full-time. It also allows you to interact with other infection control specialists spread throughout the UK and internationally.

The demand for Infection Control courses has increased in recent years due to multi resistant organisms and contagious illness outbreaks such as MRSA, swine flu and Ebola highlighting the need for more effective infection control. The fundamental underpinning of the MSc is that prevention is better than the cure and it is this mentality that will hopefully make outbreaks a thing of the past. Preventing and controlling the spread of infection is one of the key priorities for hospital staff, environmental health officers and healthcare professionals not only in the UK but throughout the world. This advanced-level health master’s course is designed to provide you with the latest knowledge and understanding of infection control practice, giving you the ability to develop and implement strategies to reduce the spread of hospital acquired infection and respond appropriately to an outbreak of infection within a community. You will also be able to advise policy makers and other clinicians on matters relating to infection control.

- **Course structure**

The MSc Infection Control course is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 180 credits at Level 7.

- **Level 7 modules:**

Introduction to Medical Microbiology and Immunology (20 Credits) *
Communicable Disease Control (20 Credits) *
Infection Prevention and Quality Improvement (20 Credits) *
Research Methods (20 Credits) *
Dissertation (60 Credits) *

****Optional modules:**

Health Promotion (20 Credits)
Advanced Practice in Healthcare (20 Credits)
Epidemiology (20 Credits)

* These modules are core and must be passed in order to achieve the award.

** In addition to the core modules, students will take two optional modules.

- **Course Duration:** 24 Months
- **Mode:** Online

Entry requirements

We have flexible entry requirements that look at both your academic and work-based experience as well as your motivation to do the course. There are two entry routes onto our MSc Infection Control programme:

1. Academic Entry Route

Our applicants are usually registered nurses or health care professionals in full or part-time employment with a minimum of two years post-registration experience.

In addition, applicants normally have an Upper Second-Class Bachelor's degree in a relevant or appropriate subject, or the equivalent from an internationally recognised institution.

English language proficiency should be at a level equivalent to IELTS (Academic) 6.5. If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.

You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

2. Work Experience Entry Route

We recognise that many people have a wealth of valuable skills and knowledge developed at work or through training. If you don't meet the above entry requirements, but believe you have the potential to succeed on the MSc Infection Control course, we'll consider your application on its individual merits.

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- **Assessment**

Each stage of the MSc Infection Control course contains a number of formative (informal) assessments, including multiple choice questionnaires, short answer tests, and group activities. A variety of summative assessments are in place across the programme. Examples include, written assignments, discussions, presentations, case studies & outbreak responses