

- **Overview**

The Postgraduate Certificate in Infection Control course provides an introduction to an understanding of the world of microbiology. Infection prevention and control continues to be a key priority for health professionals working in both hospitals and the wider community. The course aims to equip nurses and other healthcare practitioners with the skills necessary to lead best practice in this area.

The demand for Infection Control courses has increased in recent years due to multi resistant organisms and contagious illness outbreaks such as Ebola, swine flu and MRSA highlighting the need for more effective infection control. The fundamental underpinning of this course is that prevention is better than the cure and it is this mentality that will hopefully make outbreaks a thing of the past.

The economic and social costs of escalating infection such as winter flu, meningitis and HIV are well documented. Less well known are the human and economic burdens of hospital acquired infection which can result in an extra 14 days in hospital and £1 billion a year extra expenditure for the NHS. Developing and implementing effective infection control measures are dependent upon the knowledge and skills of health professionals in both hospital and community settings.

- **Course structure**

The PG Cert Infection Control is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 60 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)

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

Upon completion of your Postgraduate Certificate in Infection Control we offer the opportunity for you to progress on to study for a Postgraduate Diploma (awarded after 120 credits) and a full Masters (awarded after 180 credits).

- **Course Duration:** 8 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 PG Cert 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 Bachelors 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 PG Cert Infection Control course, we'll consider your application on its individual merits.

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- Assessment

Each stage of the PG Cert Infection Control course contains a number of formative (informal) assessments, including multiple choice questionnaires, short answer tests, and practical assignments. The summative assessment for each module consists of four discussion activities and two 2,500-word essays.