



- **Overview**

Our Postgraduate Diploma in Infection Control is an advanced qualification designed to equip nurses and other healthcare professionals with a comprehensive understanding of infectious disease control and prevention in hospital, social care and community settings. The course examines key areas including microbiology, immunology, public health and communicable disease control.

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

With infectious diseases frequently dominating news headlines, understanding how infections occur and how different micro-organisms act and spread has become a key issue for many professionals working in health and social care. Although this course is ideally suited for Clinical Nurse Specialists in Infection Control, it is also of value to other healthcare practitioners, including staff of health ministries, health departments, aid organisations and disease control agencies.

- **Course structure**

The PG Dip Infection Control course is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 120 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) *

Optional modules:**

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

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

- **Course Duration:** 16 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 Dip 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 Dip Infection Control course, we'll consider your application on its individual merits.

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- **Assessment**

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

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Your application will be considered on an individual basis taking into account your motivation for doing the course, prior work experience and other relevant qualifications that demonstrate your ability to successfully complete the programme.