

Management of an Infection Prevention and Control Service

Level 6 - 40 credits

Who is it for?

This course is intended for infection control or public health nurses / practitioners who are employed in these positions for at least 18 hours/week. This course is not generally suitable for infection control link nurses.

Key Benefits

- Students undertaking this course will develop existing knowledge and skills in order to deliver an effective infection prevention and control service.
- The unit can be taken as a single course unit for continuing professional development (CPD) or as part of the Degree Programme.
- Clinical practice is undertaken in the student's own clinical area.

What will I learn?

The unit will help students to appraise their existing leadership and management skills and evaluate ways in which these can be developed in order to improve infection prevention and control their area. Students will also critically appraise strategies used to implement the process of change in practice and develop research appraisal skills.

How is the course assessed?

The assessment is in two parts. The first is a 5000 word assignment which asks students to discuss issues including expert practice, service development, leadership and consultancy in relation to managing a change in practice. The second part is a 5000 word assignment which focuses on research appraisal skills and demonstrating specialist knowledge.

Attendance

Part-time, normally one day a week for 10 weeks followed by 2 days a week for 2 weeks. For study dates, please see the Course Schedule at

www.nursing.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/cpd/

Dates of next intake

January 2015

NB. Course unit availability will be subject to minimum numbers.

Funding

Funding for the programme or individual course units may be available through the CPD Service Level Agreement (SLA) for staff working in the NHS in Greater Manchester (and in the case of some course units the wider North West). To access SLA funding each course unit must be approved by an authorised SLA signatory on an individual basis. For more information applicants should contact the Education and Training lead within their organisation, Practice educator, or equivalent.

If not eligible for CPD SLA funding candidates may also apply with employer support or self-funding. The home fee for 2014-2015 will be £2160 for Level 6.

How do I apply?

Applications must be received by the University by 14th November 2014 for the January 2015 intake.

If you are being funded by **Service Level Agreement**, please contact your Trust for further information and then apply online at www.cpd-applynw.nhs.uk

- **Pre-requisites**

- Must work as an infection prevention and control practitioner (link roles are not included) for at least 18 hours per week
- Must have successfully studied at Level 5
- Must be registered with the NMC – if NMC registration is not appropriate, applicants must have achieved GCSE English at Grade C or above or equivalent.

- **HEI Additional Information/Personal statement**

- Should include details of your current post and your role and previous study at level 5 and 6. Any previous experience at undertaking literature searches and literature reviews should also be detailed here as this is required in one of the assignments – however, experience in these is not a pre-requisite for the course unit
- Outline the reasons why you wish to undertake this course unit.

If you are not being funded by **SLA**, above pre-requisites also apply. Please send a completed CPD Application Form for stand-alone applications or a Funding and Support Confirmation Form for continuing degree students only to CPD Admissions Office, Jean McFarlane Building, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL or e-mail to conted.nursing@manchester.ac.uk

Application forms and Funding and support confirmation forms (continuing degree students) are available from: www.nursing.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/cpd For other information, please telephone the Admissions Office on 0161 306 7604 or email conted.nursing@manchester.ac.uk

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the theory underpinning the management of change and leadership.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the important aspects of arranging an infection prevention and control service.

Intellectual Skills

3. Critically analyse the role and function of the Infection Control Nurse in the context of the multi-disciplinary team.
4. Critically evaluate methods of surveillance and the use of information technology in infection prevention and control.
5. Critically appraise strategies used to implement the process of change in practice.
6. Critically evaluate the impact of legal, ethical, political and organizational aspects of nursing care and health policy.
7. Apply, implement and critically evaluate research from a range of associated disciplines to enhance critical thinking and decision making in practice. This will be achieved via critical appraisal of evidence and practice recognizing the complex nature of provision in a variety of settings.

Practical Skills

8. Plan, develop, implement and critically evaluated educational strategies for clients, carers and members of the multi-disciplinary team.
9. Implement and critically analyse Clinical Governance in relation to infection prevention and control.

Transferable Skills

10. Critically evaluate advances in nursing theory and practice and act as a catalyst for innovation.