



Course information

HLTIN301A COMPLY WITH INFECTION CONTROL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN HEALTH WORK

Purpose of course

The purpose of this course is to equip participants with the skills and knowledge required to comply with infection control policies and procedures.

Course components include:

- Standard and additional precautions
- Identifying and responding to infection risks
- Personal hygiene and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Limiting contamination
- Managing waste
- Environmental surface cleaning

Minimum Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirement for this course is:

- A completed School Certificate (Year 10) or the equivalent level of study from the participant's home country; or
- Mature age entry over 21 years; or
- Equivalent completion of a Certificate Level II or higher as defined by the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF); or
- Combination of study and work or life experience.

Applicants must also have a reasonable level of written and spoken English.

Mode of delivery

This course consists of pre-workshop reading materials and an interactive one day workshop. Once you are enrolled in the course, you will receive pre-reading materials and other relevant information.

Course outcomes and pathways

The course is designed for workers such as allied health workers, Indigenous health workers and practice or enrolled nurses to develop and apply their skills in infection control particularly in relation to blood borne viruses.

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a Statement of Attainment for the unit. This unit is a core unit for a number of Health Training Package qualifications and can be used as credit towards these qualifications should the participant wish to undertake further study.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to effectively:

- Understand basic microbiology including bacteria and bacterial spores, fungi and viruses
- Understand aspect of infectious diseases including pathogens, opportunistic organisms and susceptible hosts
- Understand disease transmission including potential sources, modes of transmission and risks
- Demonstrate compliance with their organisation's infection control policy and procedures as it relates to their job role
- Explain why standard precautions are an essential component of infection control
- Demonstrate standard precautions including
 - aseptic technique
 - correct hand washing technique
 - appropriate use and correct application of personal and protective equipment in the workplace
 - appropriate handling and disposal of sharps and other clinical waste

 - clean and contaminated zones
 - confining contaminated equipment and instruments to a contaminated zone
 - confining records, materials and medicaments to a well designated clean zone
 - reprocessing and storing of instruments and equipment
 - surface cleaning and management of blood and body fluid spills
- Demonstrate additional precautions including
 - Special ventilation requirements
 - Additional use of PPE including respirators
 - Dedication equipment
 - Use of a special facility
- Describe protocols for care following exposure to blood or other body fluids and immunisation

Pre-reading

Participants will be sent the following pre-reading material following enrolment in this course. It is expected that participants will have reviewed the pre-reading prior to attending the face-to-face workshop.

- Introduction to infection control, pre-workshop reading material
- Prehospital Care Workers and blood-borne viruses booklet, ASHM 2008
- HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs: a guide for primary care, ASHM 2008 Edition
 - Chapter 1 – Introduction to HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs
 - Chapter 2 – Blood-borne viruses and STIs: might this patient be positive? Epidemiology and transmission
 - Chapter 13 – Standard precautions and infection control
 - Chapter 15 – Contact and referral information

Assessment

To receive a statement of attainment, participants must complete a range of assessment activities including:

- Short answer and multiple choice questions
- Practical demonstration
- Discussion of case studies/scenarios
- Participation in discussion and group activities

- A workplace based assessment

Participants will have 10 working days from the workshop date to complete the multiple choice questionnaire and three months to complete the workplace assessment.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) provides the opportunity for participants to receive full or partial credit for a course based on their previous learning and experiences.

If you would like to apply for RPL, you can find out more in our RPL policy on the ASHM website. Alternatively you may contact the Training and Accreditation Manager who will be able to provide you with further information.

Fees

The cost of this course is \$325 inclusive of all training materials, the face-to-face training day and all assessments. ASHM members are entitled to a 10% discount on all ASHM training. Note if you are applying for RPL, the cost will be \$170 with 10% discount for members. All fees must be included with the enrolment form.

Note that in the event of the course being cancelled, you will receive a full refund of fees paid.

Support Services

If you have a disability or medical condition that may affect your participation, please advise us on the enrolment form so that we are able to support you in the best possible way. We are also able to provide assistance with language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills and you can indicate that you need assistance by answering the relevant question on the enrolment form. Further details of our support services can be found in the ASHM Student Handbook.

How to enrol

To enrol in this course, you will need to fill out an application form that can be downloaded from the ASHM website or posted to you. If you require assistance to complete this form, please contact the Training and Accreditation Manager as shown below.

More information

If you would like more information about this course, please contact the Training and Accreditation Manager on (02) 8204 0720 or via email at education@ashm.org.au