Features
- Gain an up-to-date qualification online; at your desktop.
- Access the latest thinking on infection prevention and control issues.
- Develop key scientific and policy skills
- Flexible learning options—from single module to full degree.
- The opportunity to leave with a recognised qualification after successfully completing each level of the programme.

Study mode
- Part time unstructured, 4 to 6 years
- Postgraduate level modules of 14 weeks duration with time built-in for reading and assignment writing.
- Wholly online module content allowing flexible learning—you just need to have a computer with Broadband wherever you are in the world.

Start dates
September or January.

Career opportunities
This Infection Prevention and Control Masters degree opens up opportunities for career advancement through continuing professional development (CPD).

You will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to apply for senior posts in infection control and other health protection related posts.

Entry requirements
- A degree in a healthcare related subject preferably at Honors level.
- Nurses working in infection, prevention and control without an Honours degree will be admitted to the course on the successful completion of a recognition of prior learning essay.

Apply online:
http://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/courses/msc-infection-prevention-and-control

Alternatively, if you have any questions about the MSc Infection and Control, please do not hesitate to contact: Rachel.Erskine@uhi.ac.uk or msc.ic@uhi.ac.uk for further details.

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What is special about this course?

The MSc IPC is a wholly online, flexible, interactive course accredited by the University of the Highlands and Islands. It was developed in partnership with Health Protection Scotland (HPS) for doctors, infection control nurses and staff employed in environmental health wishing to develop their knowledge, confidence and capabilities in infection control. The course is tutored by HPS and NHS staff to ensure relevancy to current infection control practices. The core modules support the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework core dimensions.

Learning Materials

Learning materials are provided through the online virtual learning platform Blackboard 9 and are continuously updated by MSc staff to reflect real-time events and current research. Lecturers based at HPS and hospitals throughout Scotland provide support throughout a student’s period of study. Each student is allocated a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT).

COURSE STRUCTURE

The **PG Certificate** (60 credits) consists of three core modules.

The **PG Diploma** (120 credits) is achieved on completion of the PG Certificate, one core module and two option modules (*in italics* overleaf).

The final **MSc Dissertation** (180 credits) can be undertaken on completion of the PG Diploma as long as the student has studied one research module. *

**Induction**

Induction is held on Friday afternoon and Saturday in Inverness, Scotland, UK prior to the start of the academic year.

Telephone inductions are also available for students who are not able to attend.

**Assignments**

There are two or sometimes three assignments per module. These typically consist of a case study, a laboratory visit and a final essay. Two modules also assess student contributions via the online forum discussions.

MODULES

**SEMESTER 1**

**PG Certificate**

Microorganisms and Disease
Epidemiology and Surveillance of HAI

**PG Diploma**

*Advanced Infection Prevention and Control*
*Research Methods and Techniques* *
*Qualitative Inquiry* *

**SEMESTER 2**

**PG Certificate**

Decontamination

**PG Diploma**

*Host Defence and Protection*
*Healthcare Outbreak Management*
*Informatics in Health and Social Care*
*Patient Safety*
*Qualitative Inquiry* *

**SEMESTERS Combined**

**MSc Infection Prevention and Control**

Dissertation