UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH
SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

COURSE TITLE: Infection Control for Clinical Practice

COURSE CODE: NURS 1241

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR: Julie Bowden

This course has been developed in partnership with specialist infection control clinicians from acute and community settings.

Infection control presents one of the greatest challenges to modern health care services. Infection has physical, social, emotional and psychological implications for the patients, and economic and political implications for health care providers.

TYPE OF ATTENDANCE

Part time. The course will run over 10 study days between October 2014 and March 2015, as follows:

- October 9th, 10th, 23rd, 24th
- November 6th, 7th, 20th
- December 4th
- March 5th & 12th

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THIS COURSE?

This course is intended for qualified clinical practice staff with an interest in or responsibility for infection control, whether they work in acute or community settings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Successful completion of this course leads to the award of 30 credits at level 6 which can be used towards a relevant degree. The course will enhance clinical practice and enable participants to engage with the current debates on infection control.

WHAT SUBJECTS WILL YOU STUDY?

This course will investigate infection prevention and control in all health care settings. It will look at the challenge that enduring and emerging infectious diseases present to the health of clients and communities. Other topics include:

- Care of invasive medical devices
- Decontamination / cleaning / sterilisation
- Hand hygiene
- Legal and ethical aspects of infection control
- Mandatory surveillance / political context of infection control
- Microbiology and immunology
- National priorities / the economics of infection control
- Psychological aspects of infection control
- Antibiotic stewardship / resistant organisms and their treatment
- Risk assessment for infection control
- Role of infection control specialists / teams / local authorities / Public Health England
- Standard and special infection control precautions
TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT

The course will be delivered at the Avery Hill campus with one day at Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury.

The sessions will be taught by a variety of academic and clinical staff. There will be opportunities for participants to share their knowledge through debates, group work and student presentations.

Assessment is by a 4000 word written assignment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participants for this course are required to be suitably qualified practitioners, preferably with evidence of previous level 5 study. Participants will be required to demonstrate that they have their manager’s support.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should complete an application form and return it to:

University of Greenwich, Central Recruitment, Room 210, Fry Building, Avery Hill Campus, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG

Application forms can be found at the back of the current School of Health & Social Care Continuing Professional Development prospectus. Please ring 020 8331 9000 or email courseinfo@gre.ac.uk for a copy.

WHY STUDY AT THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH?

This course reflect the university’s clinical expertise in acute and continuing care, many of our courses reflect the changing boundaries between acute and primary care. We work closely with our local Trust and the Independent Sector to ensure courses reflect the current healthcare climate.

We pride ourselves in the quality of our teaching and we believe strongly in life long learning that will continue to development the expertise of our students and ourselves.

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