

Infection Prevention and Control Level 5 (5N3734)

This course aims to equip the learner with the knowledge, skills and competence to prevent and/or manage outbreaks of infection and to recognise their role in the prevention of infection in a health care setting.

Learners who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Explain the basic principles of infection and the application of standard precautions in relation to infection control
- Discuss the importance of infection prevention and control in the healthcare area in providing a healthy environment for patients, staff and visitors
- Discuss the role and functions of the local infection control team members, to include local policy in relation to dress, staff health and travel associated infections
- Investigate the terms cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation to include cleaning standards, procedures and frequencies while paying special attention to decontamination of equipment, including patient care equipment
- Identify the main blood borne viruses which pose a threat and the methods that prevent the spread of infections
- Examine the role of antibiotics and the importance of correct and safe antibiotic use to avoid antibiotic resistance
- Implement the local terminal cleaning procedure in a range of settings, such as an isolation room, single use items and outbreak management
- Apply appropriate management of blood and body fluid spillages, to include policies for dealing with clean and soiled linen, the disposal of sharps and the correct management following inoculation, injury or accidental exposure to blood and body fluids.

Enrolment criteria:

Learners should have Leaving Certificate English or equivalent. All assignments must be typed so it is advisable to have basic computer skills.

Assessment:

Skills Demonstration	40%
Learner Record	20%
Examination – Theory	40%