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%