

The Prevention & Control of Infection (RQF)

Key facts

Unit numbers: R/616/6214 – J/616/6209 --Y/616/6215

Credit value: 7

Assessment method: Portfolio of Evidence and Observation of Practice

Guided learning hours (GLH): 70

Cost

This Qualification **is not** Workforce Development Fundable and will cost £135.

Introduction

This qualification has been developed for anyone needing to learn the principles, skills and knowledge of how to prevent and control the spread of infection in a care setting. Learners will develop their knowledge and understanding in areas such as causes of infection, personal hygiene and cleaning and waste management of the following 3 mandatory units:

1. The Principles of Infection Protection & Control

To introduce the learner to national and local policies in relation to infection control; to explain employer and employee responsibilities in this area; to understand how procedures and risk assessment can help minimise the risk of an outbreak of infection. Learners will also gain an understanding of how to use PPE correctly and the importance of good personal hygiene.

2. Causes & Spread

This unit is to enable the learner to understand the causes of infection and common illnesses that may result as a consequence. To understand the difference between both infection and colonisation and pathogenic and non-pathogenic organisms, the areas of infection and the types caused by different organisms. In addition, the learner will understand the methods of transmission, the conditions needed for organisms to grow, the ways infection enters the body and key factors that may lead to infection occurring.

3. Cleaning, Decontamination & Waste Management

This unit aims to explain to the learner the correct way of maintaining a clean environment in accordance with national policies; to understand the procedures to follow to decontaminate an area from infection; and to explain good practice when dealing with waste materials. This unit does not cover the decontamination of surgical instruments.

Progression opportunities

On successful completion of this qualification, learners may wish to continue their development by undertaking one of the following qualifications:

- Level 2 and 3 Diplomas in Adult Care

Useful websites

Skills for Health: www.skillsforcare.org.uk

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