

Essentials of Infection Prevention and Environmental Hygiene

Continuing Professional Education Credits (CPE): 10 Hours

Course Duration: 7 Weeks

Materials and access requirements:

Reading materials are included electronically as part of the course

Computer with Internet access

Basic computer skills

Most recent version of Java

Flash player

Who should participate?

Non-clinical directors and managers interested in expanding their infection prevention knowledge.

Non-clinical supervisors aspiring to manager or director level responsibilities.

Directors, managers, and supervisors in environmental services, patient transport, and engineering fields.

Other non-clinical employees of health care or other facilities.

Course Description:

The Essentials of Infection Prevention and Environmental Hygiene course was designed for non-clinical staff in health care facilities. The content of this online program covers a wide spectrum of infection prevention topics – from a brief introduction to the microbiology of major organisms like MRSA and Clostridium difficile to transmission and prevention. The course also covers

Assess the magnitude of HAIs and their effects on the US population, as well as their magnitude in terms of health care costs
Explore the steps in the chain of infection
Develop and articulate strategies for lowering the risk of HAI

Week 4 Infection Prevention PPE and Precautions

Lesson Objectives:

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Assess the clinical significance and environmental prevalence of *C. difficile* and MRSA, and discuss the possible complications of these infections
Describe the proper precautions to prevent *C. difficile* infection