

Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control Course

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How much will this course cost?

- ❖ The course fee is set at \$1,420 for ACIPC members and \$1,700 for non-members (inclusive of GST).

Q. How long does the course take to complete?

- ❖ The course commences in March and will be completed in August. It is nicely paced over 21 weeks to recognise student's busy work/life schedule.

Q. What do I need to complete the course?

- ❖ Apart from time and energy, you will need a reliable computer to access the online material and to write your assignments. You will also need a good internet connection to enable you to access the online material. Some computers internal speakers aren't great quality, so some plug-in speakers or a set of headphones, might assist in listening to lectures. This is often an inexpensive item.

Q. Do I need to purchase any textbooks?

- ❖ No, you are not required to purchase any textbooks. However, for those that work as an Infection control professional you may find the recommended text very beneficial to your daily practice.

Q. What do I get for this course?

- ❖ All the materials that you need are found online. This includes online notes, readings, articles, lectures and activities. You will also develop a network of learners as you interact with other students online. You will also develop the skills, knowledge and tools that are a component of the ACIPC Primary Credential (PICP).

Q. How many hours per week do I need to study, to complete the foundations course?

- ❖ We would expect students to allocate 8-10 hours of study per week for the duration of the course. This takes into consideration the weekly activities and the assessments. Please note that 8-10 hours is the minimum and for students who have not studied in a long time or where infection prevention and control is a new concept, you may find it takes longer to complete activities and assessment.

Q. What type of assessments will be used?

- ❖ Assessments will be a mix of online quizzes, online discussion forums and written assignments.

Q. I haven't studied for a long time; will the College help me learn?

- ❖ The Foundations course is designed to ensure that graduates are given a pathway to achieving the ACIPC Primary Credential (PICP). Therefore, the course is set to a standard to ensure this happens. The College will provide guidelines, instructions and feedback to help you learn the skills needed to become a PICP. However, we won't be teaching you how to write essays or how to use the internet.



- Q. Will Universities accept this course and give me credit or recognised prior learning?
- ❖ Each university applies credit or recognises prior learning to their programs in slightly different ways. Having said this, the course is designed to be at the AQF8 level. This means that the course meets the complexity and expertise expected within a Graduate certificate/diploma. The College will continue to advocate for articulation pathways to provide students with future learning opportunities.
- Q. Will the College assist me to apply for credit at a university?
- ❖ Applying for credit is the individual student's responsibility. However, the College will provide you with a summary which can be used as evidence for your university application. This will include: learning objectives, assessment and volume of learning (hours).
- Q. How do I access online material?
- ❖ Once you have enrolled, you will be given instructions on how to access the online material.
- Q. Can I go on holiday or can I take leave during my study?
- ❖ Yes and No! As an adult learner, it is your responsibility to keep up to date with weekly activities and assessment deadlines. The Education Officers will not chase you if you do not complete activities or assessment. Also, as the material is available online and designed as self-directed modules you can set your own pace. That means that you could potentially have a short break during your study, as long as, you keep to the deadlines set in the program.
- Q. What if I get sick or feel overwhelmed with study?
- ❖ If you become unwell or feel overwhelmed during assessment time you can contact our Education Officers to apply for an extension by emailing education@acipc.org.au. The Education Officers will make reasonable adjustments to assessment deadlines. However, in some situations this will not be possible if the request is outside of the course timeframe.
- Q. How do I contact the Education Officers if I have a question or wish to ask for an extension?
- ❖ The Education Officers are available via email; emails will be checked regularly and you should expect a response within 48 hours (during business hours). Also, the Education Officers will make regular times throughout the course where you can get real time responses to questions or when you can speak to them via Skype or phone.

