

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. How much will this Course cost?

- ❖ The current Course fee is set at \$1,520 for ACIPC members and \$1,819 for non-members (inclusive of GST). This is subject to review by the College Board from time to time and will be amended accordingly on the College website.

### Q. How long does the Course take to complete?

- ❖ It is a Course that has an orientation period of one week, followed by 11 modules that are progressively opened to students over a 22 week period. In addition, an additional 2-3 weeks is allocated to complete and submit Assessment 3. Therefore, the whole Course is over approximately 26 weeks. The College recognise that additional study needs to fit with a student's busy work/life schedule.

### Q. What do I need to complete the Course?

Apart from time and energy, students will need a reliable computer to access the online material and to complete assessments. Students will also need an internet connection of adequate speed to enable access to online material.

Suitable speakers to access lectures/webinars/audio files and a headset (microphone and headphones) to participate in online webchats/webinars

### Q. Do I need to purchase any textbooks?

- ❖ No, students are not required to purchase any textbooks. However, students employed in infection prevention and control in various settings may find the texts recommended within the course useful.

### Q. What do I get for this Course?

- ❖ Most of the materials that students need are found online. This includes online notes, readings, articles, lectures and activities. College members also have access to member only resources including the College Journal - Infection Disease and Health. Students will also develop a strong network of fellow learners as they interact with other students online. Students will also develop the skills, knowledge and tools that are a component of the ACIPC Primary Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP-P).

### 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 module for the duration of the Course. This takes into consideration the weekly activities but writing of the final assignment is not included. Please note that 8-10 hours is an estimated minimum, and for students who have not studied in a long time or where infection prevention and control is a new concept, it may take longer to complete activities and assessment.

### Q. What type of assessments will be used?

- ❖ Assessments will be a combination of online quizzes, key questions in online discussion forums and a written essay.

### 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 credentialing as an ACIPC Primary Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP-P). Therefore, the Course is set at a standard to facilitate this. The Course will include several academic writing resources and links to assist students. Feedback will be offered on written discussions, and a draft of the written assignment if presented to the education officer during the draft submission window.

### Q. Will Universities accept this course and give me credit or recognised prior learning?

- ❖ The granting of credit or recognition of prior learning are up to individual universities. Each university applies credit or recognises prior learning to their programs in slightly different ways. The Course is

designed at the AQF8 level, which means that the Course meets the complexity and expertise expected within a Graduate certificate/diploma program. 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 can provide graduates with a transcript of their Course grade and a summary which can be used as evidence for university application. This will include learning objectives, assessment and volume of learning (hours).

**Q. How do I access online material?**

- ❖ Once students have enrolled, instructions will be provided to access the online material in the learning management system (LMS).

**Q. Can I go on holiday or can I take leave during my study?**

- ❖ Yes and No! As an adult learner, it is the student's responsibility to keep up to date with module activities and assessment submission dates.
- ❖ Also, as the material is available online and designed as self-directed modules students can set your own pace as modules are made available during the Course.
- ❖ Students may apply for an approved extension to submission of the final assignment in extenuating circumstances (see below).

**Q. What if I get sick or feel overwhelmed with study?**

- ❖ If students become unwell or feel overwhelmed during assessment time they can contact the Course Coordinator by emailing [education@acipic.org.au](mailto:education@acipic.org.au) to discuss their circumstances. The Course Coordinator will liaise with the student to develop a plan, and make reasonable adjustments to the assessment date. However, in some situations this will not be possible if the request is outside of the Course timeframe. If necessary, students can apply formally for an extension by completing an Application for Extension Form (see Appendix 1). The application form requires students to provide a reason for requesting an extension, and where an extension of more than 5 days be sought documentary evidence must be provided.