

Postgraduate Diploma in Infection Control

Programme description

The programme is presented by means of modules. Each module consists of contact sessions, research and self-study assignments, project recordings and assessment.

The Introduction to Microbiology module is offered each year and the other four modules are offered every second year. Candidates have to enquire on registration which modules are offered during that particular year and which modules in the following year.

Specific admission requirements

For admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Infection Control, the candidate must hold a bachelor's degree (e.g. MB,ChB or BNurs) or a relevant qualification on at least NQF level 7 and/or a BSc or MSc degree in Microbiology or an equivalent qualification. Admission based on approved previous training will be considered for recommendation by Senate, or the Executive Committee on behalf of Senate. Decisions with regard to admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Infection Control will be made by Senate, or by the Executive Committee acting on behalf of Senate.

Duration

The programme extends over a minimum period of one year for full-time students and two years for part-time students.

Presentation

English.

Module outline and credit values

First-year module

Introduction to Microbiology	775(25)
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First- or second-year modules

Risk Management and Safe Practice	775(25)
Sterilisation and Decontamination	775(25)
Surveillance, Epidemiology and Research Methodology	775(20)
Role of Prevention and Control of Infection in Hospital Design and Management	775(25)

Assessment and examination

Candidates are assessed per module, subject to:

- the successful completion of a written examination (33,3%);
- the assessment of fieldwork based on log-book entries by the supervisor (33,3%);

and

- a brief research project (33,3%).

Candidates are expected to pass each module separately. Unsuccessful candidates either have to repeat the modules or undergo supplementary assessment, as determined by the Faculty Board.

Enquiries

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