

IPAC Core Competencies - Overview

IPAC Core Competencies are online learning modules that provide an overview of the basic skills and knowledge those working in a health care setting need to have. The content in these modules can apply to health care providers as well as non-clinical staff in health care and congregate settings.

Each module is 10-15 minutes long and includes a printable certificate of completion.

Occupational Health and Safety

Learn about the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Internal Responsibility System and the procedure for reporting illnesses and injuries that are related to work.

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Chain of Transmission and Risk Assessment

Learn about the six links in the Chain of Transmission and how to break the links in the Chain to prevent infection. To help protect yourself and others, you will also learn about infection control measures and the steps you need to take when performing a Risk Assessment.

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Health Care Provider Controls

Learn about hand hygiene and Personal Protective Equipment, or PPE. These are the controls that you, the Health Care Provider, can put in place to protect yourself and others to help prevent the transmission of infection. This content is relevant for clinical and non-clinical staff.

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Control of the Environment

Learn about how controlling the environment can help prevent infections. This component discusses how to effectively clean the environment and equipment, and also describes Engineering Controls.

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Administrative Controls

Learn about how policies and protocols, when consistently implemented, can help protect health care providers and clients, patients or residents from infection.

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Additional Precautions

Learn how Additional Precautions are used in addition to Routine Practices to help prevent and control the transmission of infectious agents. Separate modules have been developed for acute care, long-term care, clinical settings and home care.

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Reference

Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee. Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in All Health Care Settings. 3rd edition. Toronto, ON: Queen's Printer for Ontario; November 2012