

# Course Descriptor

Infection Prevention and Control: the ACSQHC Standards · OBA-IPC-2026

## DOCUMENT CONTROL

- Programme: Infection Prevention and Control: the ACSQHC Standards (OBA-IPC-2026)
- Audience: Student and Facilitator · public-facing
- Version 1.0 | Issued 19/09/2026 | Review due 19/09/2027
- Provider: OBA Nursing Academy

## Infection Prevention and Control: the ACSQHC Standards

A fully self-directed, entirely online professional development programme for nurses, medical and procedural clinicians, student nurses, internationally qualified nurses and support staff. 10.0 CPD hours.

| <b>Course code</b>        | OBA-IPC-2026                                                                                   |
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| <b>Provider</b>           | OBA Nursing Academy                                                                            |
| <b>Duration</b>           | 10.0 CPD hours, self-paced                                                                     |
| <b>Delivery</b>           | Entirely online, self-directed, through the OBA learning management system                     |
| <b>Modules</b>            | 11, plus a case study assessment and a summative assessment                                    |
| <b>Assessment</b>         | 60 single-best-answer items, 80% pass mark, 2 attempts                                         |
| <b>Entry requirements</b> | None. Content is written for a mixed audience and identifies which sections apply to each role |
| <b>Outcome</b>            | Certificate of completion with a unique certificate identifier                                 |
| <b>Version</b>            | 1.0, issued 19/09/2026, review due 19/09/2027                                                  |

## Who should enrol

- Registered and enrolled nurses in any setting, and particularly anyone who has been given an infection prevention and control portfolio, a link nurse role, or a share of accreditation preparation
- Infection prevention and control practitioners new to the role, and clinicians stepping into it from a clinical background rather than a governance one
- Nurse unit managers, educators, quality managers and clinical governance staff who have to produce evidence against the Standard rather than only comply with it

- Medical and procedural clinicians, particularly for the antimicrobial stewardship and invasive device layers
- Internationally qualified nurses, for whom the Australian accreditation architecture - the Commission, the Standards, the Guidelines and the surveillance systems - is usually entirely new
- Student nurses, who meet the Standard as a list to be memorised and rarely as a system
- Aged care, disability, primary care and day procedure staff, whose obligations come from a different instrument but whose content is largely the same

## What you will cover

| Module | Title                                                          | Hours |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 00     | Orientation: How This Course Works                             | 0.5   |
| 01     | The Standard: Nineteen Actions, Three Criteria, One System     | 0.5   |
| 02     | Governance, Risk and the Hierarchy of Controls                 | 0.8   |
| 03     | Surveillance: What the Numbers Are For                         | 0.5   |
| 04     | Precautions as a System: Assessment, Placement and Isolation   | 0.8   |
| 05     | Hand Hygiene and Aseptic Technique as Programmes               | 0.5   |
| 06     | Invasive Medical Devices                                       | 0.5   |
| 07     | A Clean and Safe Environment                                   | 0.8   |
| 08     | Reprocessing and Traceability                                  | 0.8   |
| 09     | The Workforce: Immunisation, Exclusion, Exposure and Outbreaks | 0.8   |
| 10     | Antimicrobial Stewardship                                      | 0.8   |

## How you will learn

1. Watch the narrated module video.
2. Read the Student Learner Guide for that module.
3. Complete the reflective workbook activity.
4. Complete the knowledge check and read the rationales.
5. Move to the next module when the system unlocks it.

## What this course is, and is not

### SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND CURRENCY

- This programme is professional development. It is not a qualification, it does not authorise any learner to perform any procedure, and it does not make an organisation compliant with the Preventing and Controlling Infections Standard. The Standard binds the ORGANISATION, and it is assessed by accreditation assessors against evidence the organisation produces. What this course gives an individual is the ability to read the Standard accurately, recognise what evidences each

action, and contribute to the system rather than only comply with it. Completing it does not credential a hand hygiene auditor, does not substitute for fit testing, and does not qualify anyone as an infection prevention and control practitioner or as an accreditation assessor.

- Action numbers, wording and the criteria structure are quoted from the Preventing and Controlling Infections Standard as published by the Commission and retrieved 19/09/2026. The Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare remain the 2019 edition - check the document's own title page rather than the URL it is served from. Jurisdictional requirements - exclusion periods, immunisation requirements, notification thresholds and surveillance definitions - differ between states and territories and are NOT stated in this course. Your health department, public health unit and organisational policy are the authority for those, and where local policy is more restrictive it governs.