

## AHCA Infection Preventionist Specialized Training (IPCO)

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### *Preparing healthcare professionals as qualified Infection Preventionists*

#### **Description**

AHCA is pleased to offer a specialized training for healthcare professionals who desire to serve as Infection Preventionists (IPs) as established in the CMS Reform of Requirements of Participation for Long Term Care Facilities (required by November 2019). Through this program, individuals will be specially trained to effectively implement and manage an Infection Prevention and Control Program in a nursing facility.

#### **What is Unique about this Training?**

- It is designed and taught by subject matter experts who have real life experience working in long term/post-acute care.
- It addresses both clinical and organizational systems, processes and cultural aspects of infection prevention and control which are fundamental to effectively leading and administering a center's Infection Prevention & Control program.
- It utilizes an adult learning approach that is based on the latest and greatest strategies for meaningful learning and application into practice.

#### **Why Register for this Training Now?**

- As of November 28, 2016, nursing facilities are held accountable to more expansive infection prevention and control federal regulations (483.80).
- Beginning November 28, 2017, the federal requirements for nursing facilities expand further and require that every nursing facility develop and implement an antibiotic stewardship program. This is a brand-new requirement for nursing facilities and will be best conducted with oversight from specially trained healthcare professional.
- For these reasons, nursing facilities across the country are seeking to designate an Infection Preventionist and ensure they have specialized training to best prepare their facility for success in infection prevention and control, and meet the expanded federal regulations. This is in advance of the mandatory federal deadline for every nursing facility to have at least one designated Infection Preventionist by November 28, 2019.

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### Program Participation

This 23-hour training is an on-line, self-study program on [ahcanceled](#). It includes online lectures, case studies and interactive components taught by an array of experts from around the country.

Payment and registration will be made within [ahcanceled](#). The cost of the program is \$450 for members and \$650 for non-members. Group purchase with discount structure is available for groups of 25 or more. There are no refunds and no transfers.

The course will be available 24/7. Course completion must occur within 9 months of the date the registrant started the program. Participants must complete all training modules and successfully pass quizzes and final test with a grade of 80 or above to receive a certificate of completion from AHCA, valid for 3 years.

23 ANCC contact hours are available for completion of this program. This activity has been planned & implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements & policies of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC) through the joint providership of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing Continuing Nursing Education (UNMC CON CNE) (provider) and American Health Care Association. UNMC CON CNE is accredited with distinction as a provider of continuing nursing education by the ANCC.

### Renewal

There is a renewal requirement every 3 years. Renewal may occur by the options below:

Option 1: Registering for a competency exam requiring a grade of 80% or above to successfully receive certificate of renewal.

Option 2: Registering for the IPCO course and completing the course requirements as outlined above.

Renewal cost will be the cost of the competency exam registration for option 1 or the cost of course registration for option 2.

The cost of renewal competency exam is \$200 for members and \$300 for non-members.

Please note, renewal competency exam is only available to individuals who have previously successfully completed the full IPCO course and are seeking renewal.

### Registration

Visit [ahcanceled](#) and register for [AHCA Infection Preventionist Specialized Training \(IPCO\)](#)!

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