

IPAC Canada Online Novice Infection Control Course Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - 2020

Am I required to sign in at a specific time and date each week?

No. There are ongoing discussions which you are required to participate in for evaluation. However, these are open for a week at a time and you can sign in and participate any time during the week.

Does this course give me CIC designation?

No. To obtain CIC you must pass the standard CBIC examination. However, some students have used this course as part of their preparation for the CIC exam.

How computer literate am I required to be?

You must be able to navigate the internet and send and receive email. The course uses the Blackboard learning format but all students receive a tutorial as part of course orientation.

I am qualified to apply?

Although preference is given to novice ICPs, in the past we have been able to offer spots to students from a wide variety of backgrounds (RN, BSc, MLT, CSD, RRT, dental professionals, allied health professionals etc.). Your application will be evaluated on: completeness, educational/work background, clarity, communication skills and understanding of the field of infection prevention and control.

I do not live in Canada, can I apply?

Yes. We have a number of students from outside of Canada who have successfully completed the course. Students outside of North America must pay tuition via bank draft.

Will I receive a receipt for Canadian income tax purposes?

All tuition payments are issued an official receipt from IPAC Canada. In addition, Canadian students will also receive a T2202A Tuition Receipt, for income tax purposes.

When will I find out if I am accepted or not?

First round of offers to successful applicants will be sent out by June 1st. Other offers may be made throughout the summer. No offers are made after Sept 1st.

How many students are accepted each year?

The maximum number of students accepted ranges from 50 to 70, depending on the resources available to support the course.

I just found this course and the deadline has passed, can I still apply?

Yes. You can still submit an application; however, those who submitted by the deadline are given priority. No applications will be accepted after Sept 1st each year.