



QCF Unit and Assessment Specification

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Level	2	
Credit value	3	
Learning Outcomes		Assessment Criteria
The learner will:		The learner can:
1	Understand roles and responsibilities in the prevention and control of infections.	<p>1.1 Explain employees' roles and responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control of infection.</p> <p>1.2 Explain employers' responsibilities in relation to the prevention and control infection.</p>
2	Understand legislation and policies relating to prevention and control of infections.	<p>2.1 Outline current legislation and regulatory body standards which are relevant to the prevention and control of infection.</p> <p>2.2 Describe local and organisational policies relevant to the prevention and control of infection.</p>
3	Understand systems and procedures relating to the prevention and control of infections.	<p>3.1 Describe procedures and systems relevant to the prevention and control of infection.</p> <p>3.2 Explain the potential impact of an outbreak of infection on the individual and the organisation.</p>
4	Understand the importance of risk assessment in relation to the prevention and control of infections.	<p>4.1 Define the term risks.</p> <p>4.2 Outline potential risks of infection within the workplace.</p> <p>4.3 Describe the process of carrying out a risk assessment.</p> <p>4.4 Explain the importance of carrying out a risk assessment.</p>

Learning Outcomes		Assessment Criteria	
The learner will:		The learner can:	
5	Understand the importance of using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the prevention and control of infections.	5.1	Demonstrate correct use of PPE.
		5.2	Describe different types of PPE.
		5.3	Explain the reasons for use of PPE.
		5.4	State current relevant regulations and legislation relating to PPE.
		5.5	Describe employees' responsibilities regarding the use of PPE.
		5.6	Describe employers responsibilities regarding the use of PPE.
		5.7	Describe the correct practice in the application and removal of PPE.
		5.8	Describe the correct procedure for disposal of used PPE.
6	Understand the importance of good personal hygiene in the prevention and control of infections.	6.1	Describe the key principles of good personal hygiene.
		6.2	Demonstrate good hand washing technique.
		6.3	Describe the correct sequence for hand washing.
		6.4	Explain when and why hand washing should be carried out.
		6.5	Describe the types of products that should be used for hand washing.
		6.6	Describe correct procedures that relate to skincare.

Additional information about the Unit
Unit purpose and aim(s)
To introduce the learner to national and local policies in relation to infection control; to explain employer and employee responsibilities in this area; to understand how procedures and risk assessment can help minimise the risk of an outbreak of infection. Learners will also gain an understanding of how to use PPE correctly and the importance of good personal hygiene.
Unit expiry date
28 February 2015
Details of the relationship between the Unit and relevant national occupational standards (if appropriate)
There are some relationships between this Unit and those of other standards such as Key Skills, Functional Skills and Skills for Life. This Unit is based upon the Skills for Health Infection Control workplace competencies.
Details of the relationship between the Unit and other standards or curricula (if appropriate)
N/A
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)
N/A
Endorsement of the Unit by a sector or other appropriate body (if required)
Skills for Care and Development
Location of the Unit within the subject/sector classification system
1.3 Health and Social Care
Name of the organisation submitting the Unit
Ascentis
Availability for use
Shared

Availability for delivery
01 April 2011
Guided Learning Hours
30

QCF Assessment specification

Assessment (evidence) Requirements
This information is provided in the accredited Unit specification and should be incorporated in the assessment and/or assessment guidance related to this Unit'.
Guidance on Instruments of Assessment
More information on selecting instruments of assessment can be found in <i>Assessment: A Guide for Centres Offering Ofqual Accredited Qualifications</i> (Publication code: FA5465).