

Certification

A certificate of Immunisation Competency bearing the logo of the Department of Health will be awarded to those students who meet the criteria by passing the multiple choice/short answer exam, the completion of a supervised clinical practice and achievement of the required clinical competencies.

This certificate enables you to practice in a nominated area and provide immunisations as per Department of Health guidelines.

Cost

A fee of \$100 applies to both Department of Health and GP/ private sector nurses to complete the immunisation course.

For those registered nurses who do not wish to undertake the course we recommend you have access to the Australian Immunisation Handbook. This can be ordered by emailing handbook@health.gov.au or accessed at <http://immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/handbook-home>

Eligibility

Applicants must be registered with the Nurses Board of Australia, practising in Western Australia and preferably practising in a clinical area.

For further information on the Immunisation Certification Course, call 9388 4863



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Immunisation certification course



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Background

Registered nurses from a wide range of health service roles are now delivering immunisation services. Promoting immunisation across all members of the community will increase herd immunity and protect those people at greater risk from disease (e.g. people with chronic disease such as diabetes, asthma or immune disorders).

This program has been developed to meet the education and training needs of registered nurses working across the various health services that provide an immunisation service. It is designed to assist registered nurses in gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to gain immunisation competence and immunisation certification.

The course includes both theoretical and clinical practice components. This self paced, distance education program is designed as a flexible learning program. Learning materials are supplied as part of the study package. The course content is aligned to the National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines with particular emphasis on the Department of Health Western Australia standards of practice.

The course is designed to support rural and remote, general and community nurses in their expanded and demanding practice role.

Course duration

The theoretical component of the immunisation certification training program will be five weeks in duration.

The clinical practice component will be dependant on students knowledge and previous clinical experience.

Nurses will be expected to complete the theory (training manual), clinical practice requirements and assessment component of the course.

Course content includes:

- immunity
- routine immunisation schedules and vaccines
- diseases for which routine immunisation is given
- criteria for giving immunisation
- anaphylaxis
- consent
- educating the person, family and community about the importance of being vaccinated
- storage and transport of vaccines
- the role of the nurse
- client assessment
- management of an immunisation clinic
- clinical practice
- standard precautions
- recording information following immunisation.



Assessment

Following completion of reading the immunisation training manual, students are assessed via an open book multiple choice and short answer exam. Students must achieve a grade of 80% to satisfactorily pass the first part of the course.

Clinical competencies

The evaluation of clinical competence is undertaken by a suitably qualified supervisor and is based on a set of Competency Immunisation Standards. Clinical competence is an integral component of the program and assessment tools are included in the package.



This course has been accredited by the Royal College of Nursing, Australia to approved criteria.