

## Certification

A certificate of Immunisation Competency bearing the logo of the DoH 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 DoH guidelines.

## Cost

The Immunisation Certification Course is FREE. However, a fee of \$50.00 will be charged to employers to cover cost of manual production.

For those nurses who do not wish to undertake the course, immunisation module materials may also be purchased for use as a resource at a cost of \$50 with no requirement to do the course.

## Eligibility

Applicants must be Registered in Division 1 or 2 of the Nurses Board of WA register, and practising in a clinical area.

## Enrolment

To enroll in the Immunisation Certification Course, simply fill out the attached form and discuss with your employer.

For further information on the Immunisation Certification Course, contact the Program Coordinator on 9388 4861

# Immunisation certification course



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## Background

Promoting herd immunity through the delivery of immunisation services to the general public is an important function of registered and enrolled nurses in Western Australia. Nurses from a wide variety of health service roles are now delivering immunisation services.

This program has been developed to meet the training needs of nurses by standardising the education component of immunisation. It is designed to assist nurses in gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to become certified to give immunisations competently in areas of work where there may or may not be a medical officer on site.

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 (NH&MRC) guidelines with particular emphasis on the Department of Health (DoH) 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.**

## Length

The theoretical component of the immunisation certification training program will be 5 weeks in length.

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

- 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.

