



IPCNC Education Overview

This report summarises IPCNC education initiatives delivered during 2026 to strengthen infection prevention and control knowledge, support workforce development, and promote best practice across Aotearoa New Zealand.

As this is my final Education Report, I would like to thank the IPCNC Committee for the opportunity to serve as Education Coordinator & committee member over the past four years. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated team and contribute to advancing infection prevention and control education for our members. I wish the committee every success for the future. I'm not leaving IPC so I'll be seeing you all around.

2026 at a glance to date

- 23 Fundamentals participants enrolled
- 22 Training and Education (T&E) applications received
- \$8,258.52 awarded in education funding
- National IPCNC conference to be hosted in Wellington
- World Hand Hygiene Day resources distributed nationally
- Education opportunities listed on the website and *Infection Controlla* as well as delivered at local and regional levels.

Education Delivered

World Hand Hygiene Day was celebrated by IPC practitioners on 5th of May worldwide, and resources were sent to members. We had lots of shared information on the Facebook page including pictures of activities throughout the country.

Webinar- IPC tools in Action- March. hosted by Reynard Health Supplies. Speaker Francie Morgan.

National IPCNC Conference 2026- *Lights, Camera, Prevention!* - Hosted in Wellington August 2026. This year's theme, "***Lights, Camera, Prevention!***" reflects the evolving challenges and innovations shaping our field. Over three dynamic days, we'll explore new strategies, technologies, and collaborative approaches to strengthen infection prevention and control across all healthcare and community settings.

Webber training is free of charge for IPCNC members and can be accessed any time. Topics are outlined in the *Infection Controlla*.

A list of education for IPC is listed on the IPCNC website, including the Fundamentals course, University of Otago post grad IPC course, Ara level 7 IPC course, Ko Awatea, Hand Hygiene, Healthlearn, Griffith University IPC Program, NZAT, Polytech, Aged care, WHO, CDC, ACIPC and more.

Training & Education Funding

- Applications are received April 1st & August 1st annually and are reviewed by 3 IPCNC committee members. There is \$10,000 per year budgeted for T&E funding.
 - April 2026 had 17 applicants requesting \$27,941 funding. Applicants who met the criteria were selected to receive IPCNC conference registration only, and \$5,380 was awarded.
 - August 2026 had 5 applicants requesting \$3,679 for funding. Four met criteria for funding and total awarded was \$2,878.52.
 - Successful applicants are required to submit a brief report no later than 6 months following their completion of course/conference and it is shared in the *Infection Controlla*. April had some good reports to read from the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control ACIPC to OPAT & a Mercy Ships experience reflection & Conference poster on mentorship. There are some great things coming out of all this learning & sharing.
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IPC Fundamentals Programme

The IPCNC Fundamentals Programme successfully transitioned from a fully funded programme to a sustainable fee-based model during 2026 while continuing to support early-career IPC practitioners. Members pay \$600 plus GST and non-members pay \$800 plus GST. There is the ability for IPCNC members to apply for funding thru the T&E programme and do not need to be a member for 2 years to meet criteria, as it is a programme aimed at less experienced IPC practitioners. Francie Morgan is the Programme Coordinator and will supply a separate report of progress at the AGM. A total of 23 participants has been enrolled this year.

Education priorities for the rest of the year & 2027

- Expand access to high-quality IPC education nationally.
- Continue delivery and evaluation of the IPC Fundamentals Programme.
- Support workforce capability through the T&E funding programme.
- Identify gaps in postgraduate and advanced IPC education to inform future programme development.
- Strengthen partnerships with education providers to improve access to IPC learning opportunities.