



Practice of Immunisation Program

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Information**


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Program snapshot

PROGRAM TITLE	Practice of Immunisation Program
PROGRAM SUMMARY	The Practice of Immunisation develops the skills and knowledges required to implement safe immunisation practices in Primary Care, including system and processes, administration of vaccines and development of catch-up schedules.
UNITS OF COMPETENCY	IPPSCI001 Source and communicate immunisation information in primary healthcare, IPPISP002 Implement systems and processes to deliver immunisation services, IPPPPV003 Plan and perform vaccination, IPPCCU008 Co-ordinate immunisation Catch-Up programs
COST	\$245 (Inc. GST)
PRE-READING	Student should revisit the Foundations of Immunisation Practice content prior to completing assessments and attendance at the workshop.
DELIVERY & ASSESSMENT	Half day face to face workshop, Online learning and assessment completed via accessIQ.
ESTIMATED HOURS OF STUDY	75 hours of active learning
CPD HOURS	As a general guide, one hour of active learning equates to one hour of CPD. It is the responsibility of the individual student to calculate how many hours of active learning have been completed. The hours of active learning estimated above should act as a guide to CPD hours.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	To view entry requirements please refer to the next page.
HOW TO APPLY	To apply, click the 'apply now' button on the website which will take you to the learning pathway purchase page in accessIQ. From here you will be able to choose one or more (or all!) programs from the pathway to purchase.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS	Visit benchmarkgroup.com.au/terms-and-conditions

Program structure

- Written assessment covering essential knowledge and skills
- Face-to-face workshop with In-class activities assessed by a qualified assessor
- Workplace observed practice.

All assessments must be completed in accordance with health and safety standards and infection control policies and procedures. Workplace observed practice is a mandatory requirement for this course, workplace practice must be observed by a medical practitioner, practice manager or practice nurse that performs the identified workplace tasks as part of their role. All workplace observed activities must be completed in accordance with workplace policies and procedures of the facility where the activity is being conducted.

Program outline

The program aims to provide students with the skills and knowledge required to:

- Understand the National Immunisation Strategy, National Immunisation Program and National Immunisation Schedule within Australia
- Assess and determine factors that affect the administration of vaccinations, with a focus in vaccine management, promotion of immunisation and reporting requirements for vaccination
- Plan and administer clinical immunisation services in the primary care setting, with a focus on understanding processes and systems, relevant legal, ethical and standards for practice, performing immunisation and managing adverse immunisation events when performing immunisation encounters in primary healthcare
- Demonstrate knowledge of vaccines applicable to preparing a catch-up schedule for an individual client in accordance with the National Immunisation Schedule guidelines for Catch-Up, with a focus on understanding vaccines on the National Immunisation Schedule, including minimal intervals and interactions to facilitate a client being 'up to date' for protection against vaccine-preventable disease.

Program outcome

Upon successful completion of the program students should have the ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the National Immunisation Program and the National Immunisation Program Schedule
- Identify and review the national guidelines for cold chain management
- Identify and assess national and state legislation regarding workplace vaccine management
- Identify the actions required in the event of a cold chain breach
- Review national, state/territory and local regions immunisation coverage rates
- Identify strategies aimed at increasing immunisation coverage
- Identify the principles of immunisation documentation protocols and databases
- Review organisational recall and reminder systems
- Demonstrate and apply knowledge of the current legal and ethical issues related to immunisation
- Demonstrate knowledge of the management and reporting of adverse events following immunisation
- Demonstrate knowledge of the requirements for the delivery of a safe immunisation service

- Demonstrate the knowledge of the principles of accurate documentation and reporting in accordance with national and state/territory guidelines, policies and procedures.
- Identify situations where vaccines are overdue
- Develop a catch-up schedule in accordance with the recommendations from the current Australian Immunisation Handbook.

Program content

The Practice of Immunisation Program consists of blended learning including online knowledge information, articles, videos and self reflection activities and a half day workshop.

Program entry requirements

Entrants to the Practice of Immunisation Program must provide evidence of a relevant professional role and hold one of the following:

- AHPRA registered nursing qualification
- Medical practitioner qualification.

Relevant roles would include:

- Registered and Enrolled Nurses
- General practitioners
- Others on application.

Entrants should have:

- A minimum of three months employment or experience working with clients in a clinical environment
- High language, literacy and numeracy levels – sufficient to interpret medical documents/referrals/requests and write medical notes and reports and communicate effectively with clients and public.

Benchmark Group Specific Requirements

Students must have completed the Foundations of Immunisation Program and at least one of the following programs prior to entry to this program:

- Immunisation Needs in Pregnancy
- Immunisation Needs for Influenza
- Immunisation Needs for Adult and Older Persons
- School Age Immunisation.

Immunisation learning pathway

Learning pathways is a new approach where we are giving the control of your learning journey back to you, the student.

The underlying rationale recognises that students are better able to learn when they can control the flow of their experience, or when their learning is self-directed.

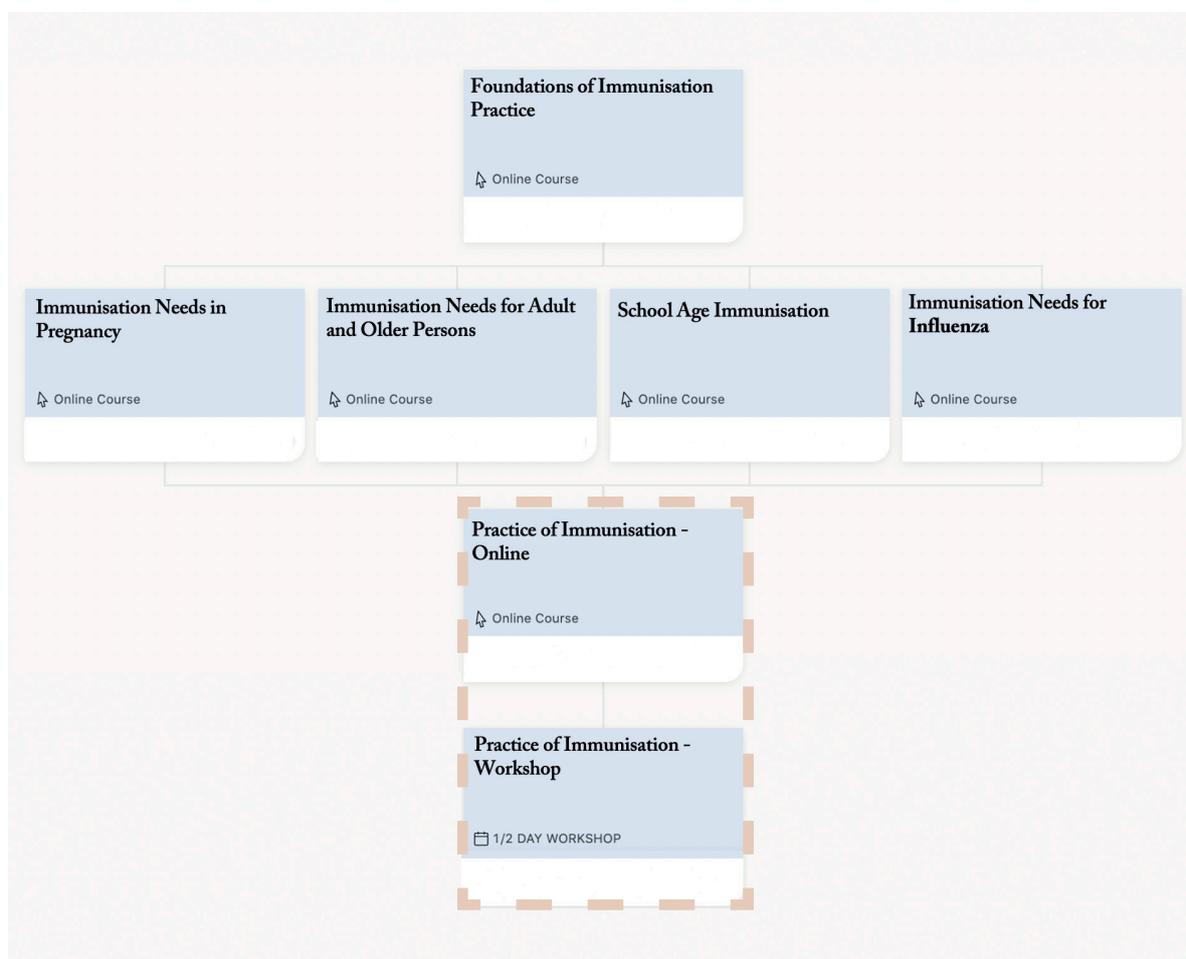
A self-directed model of delivery allows access to a broader range of students regardless of geographic location and allows people to complete the program at a pace that suits their current lifestyle and workplace balance.

How it works

The pathway starts by building your base knowledge with the online program, Foundations of Immunisation Practice. You can then continue on with 4 online specialty programs - options include pregnancy, influenza, adult and older persons and school age immunisation. Following on from this is Practice of Immunisation, consisting of further learning, a face-to-face workshop in partnership with PHNs and workplace activities.

Successfully completing the pathway means you will have achieved the nationally accredited Course in Immunisation Practice in Primary Healthcare (10754NAT).

You can choose to purchase the pathway all at once or pay and complete one learning at a time – the choice is now yours! In fact, once you have completed your enrolment, you can even choose when to activate your assessment.



About The Benchmark Group

The Benchmark Group (RTO 21824) is a Registered Training Organisation delivering a range of clinical skills courses and programs to meet the needs of a broad range of health professionals across Australia.

As an RTO working in the health sector, our focus is on the delivery of courses and programs designed to provide healthcare professionals with the opportunity to expand their skills and careers. We concentrate on skills and knowledge that can be immediately implemented in a vocational context.

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