

# INFECTION CONTROL COORDINATOR



## Summary of profession

Infection control coordinators, also called infection control practitioners, are health professionals who work in the isolation, control, and prevention of infectious diseases. They may conduct studies to gain more information about the prevalence of diseases or how they spread, analyze bodily fluids, and/or communicate to the public information about infectious diseases.

## Working hours, patterns and environments

Work environments for infection control coordinators may vary widely, depending on their specific role in the disease-control industry. Some work from an office setting while others conduct research in a laboratory. Most of these professionals have full-time schedules and enjoy regular hours; some overtime may be required during public health emergencies.

## Education and skills

Individuals who are interested in infection control must first earn a bachelor's degree. Students usually need to select a scientific discipline like biology, anatomy or chemistry. Earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is another possible path to becoming an infection control coordinator and can also qualify students to work as a registered nurse (RN).

## Job growth and opportunities

There is an expected employment growth of 16% for registered nurses between 2014-2024, attributing the rapid growth to an aging population, an emphasis on prevention and scientific advances in the healthcare industry.