



**For more details on this course and how to apply, please contact your local RICN.**

**You can find contact information for your local RICN by visiting our website at:**

[www.ricn.on.ca](http://www.ricn.on.ca)



REGIONAL INFECTION  
CONTROL NETWORKS

*Giving Health a Helping Hand*



REGIONAL INFECTION  
CONTROL NETWORKS

*Giving Health a Helping Hand*

### **About the Regional Infection Control Networks of Ontario**

The impact of SARS in Ontario was profound. Major gaps in infection control knowledge, coordination and resources were uncovered and highlighted as healthcare providers in Ontario struggled to contain the virus. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) responded aggressively to close those gaps. "Operation Health Protection" outlined the MOHLTC plan, and within that plan, the Regional Infection Control Networks (RICNs) were born.

In 2005, the first four networks were launched. The remaining ten networks were funded over the next three years. Each RICN covers a geographic area that corresponds to each Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) across the province.

[www.ricn.on.ca](http://www.ricn.on.ca)



REGIONAL INFECTION  
CONTROL NETWORKS

## **Non-Acute Care Infection Control Professional (ICP) Training Course**



*Endorsed by:*



# Non-Acute Care ICP Training Course

The Regional Infection Control Networks (RICN) Non-Acute Care ICP training course was designed in 2007 to meet the learning needs of persons practicing infection prevention and control in non-acute care settings (long term care, public health and community settings).

This program is intended for the professional who is new in their role and/or has no other formal infection prevention and control training.

This unique course consists of 12 modules delivered over a 12 month period with over 80 hours of course work. The content is delivered by recognized IPAC experts. Course content is located on a secure site on the RICN web portal.

Mentoring for all students is provided through their local RICN office.

## Are you interested in taking the RICN Non-Acute Care Infection Control Professional (ICP) Training Program?

### If you answer yes to all of the following, you meet the criteria for the RICN Non-Acute Care ICP Training Program:

- Are you currently responsible for Infection Prevention and Control activities in your non-acute care facility or agency or organization? **And;**
- Do you work in long term care, chronic care, rehabilitative care, community care, public health or another non-acute care health setting? **And;**
- Are you ready to increase your knowledge of Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) and devote a minimum of 10-12 hours per month to learning over a 12 month period? **And;**
- You have not recently or are not currently enrolled in another formal ICP training program.

### The course begins in September of 2010 and covers the following topics:

Role of the ICP	Surveillance & Applied Epidemiology
Adult Learning	Outbreak Management & Emergency Preparedness
Microbiology	Disinfection & Sterilization of Medical Devices
Routine Practices & Additional Precautions	Occupational Health
Environment & Equipment	Safe Clinical Practices
IPAC and Construction	IPAC Program Assessment

### Some Key Points About the Course:

- Course Cost: \$530
- CHICA-Canada endorsed [www.chica.org](http://www.chica.org)
- Program based on current best practice guidelines and evidence based materials.
- Enrolment begins in the summer of 2010.
- Course length is one year.
- Monthly teleconferences are available for students and mentors to discuss each module.
- RICN's provide access to course materials and resources for use or loan.
- A RICN certificate will be provided upon successful course completion.
- Enrolment is limited within each RICN. Applicants will be notified following RICN review of their application submissions.