

# Frequently Asked Questions About Project Firstline Infection Prevention Champions Program

## Who is the Infection Prevention (IP) Champions Program for?

- The IP Champions Program is designed for staff at local hospitals and Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ) who are working on healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), including those working on outbreak investigation and ICARs (Infection Control Assessment and Response).

## What training is involved?

- The training involves attending two monthly training webinars and discussions for one year on specific Infection Prevention and Control subjects.
- Assignments will be given to initiate real-life application, active participation, and critical thinking.
- The training follows specific core competencies to develop your skills and increase your knowledge of infection control and prepares you for the Certification Board in Infection Control (CBIC) Associate (a-IPC)/Certificate in Infection Control (CIC).

## Will I get time off for the training?

- Time away from daily work activities will be decided by your manager.
- An engagement letter is available to share with your manager to assist in your ask for time allotment. This letter explains the importance of having an IP Champion at your workplace.

## What is the CDC Project Firstline?

- Project Firstline is a collaborative of public health and healthcare partners. The aim of Project Firstline is to prevent and stop the spread of infectious diseases through increasing the capacity and knowledge of infection control in healthcare workers. An important part of this work is engaging with Infection Prevention Champions at our local hospitals and LHJs, like yourself!

## Will it cost me anything?

- The webinars and discussion meetings are free.
- We will provide you with the Association of Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) Text during the cohort to support your continued learning.
- A certificate of completion and a small gift is provided at the completion of the program.

## What support is available?

- As you attend the webinars and discussion meetings you will build a network of professionals at other hospitals and Local Health Jurisdictions.
- You will also connect with experts in infection control through the Washington State Department of Health and other stakeholders.
- The IP community is open and willing to assist, converse, and support all other IPs. Building this network is important. The IP Champions Program will help you build this network.

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