



Infection Preventionist Training

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The VGM Group (VGM Theater)

1111 W. San Marnan Dr., Waterloo, IA 50701

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Program Description

The goal of this training is to provide the new infection preventionist with the basic knowledge and tools to develop the organization's infection control program. Topics that will be covered include infection and prevention control basics, the role of the infection preventionist, standard precautions, transmission-based precautions, enhanced barrier precautions, NHSN reporting requirements, antibiotic stewardship, surveillance, current issues in infection control, infection control in the kitchen and environmental services, infection control reporting and QAPI, involving the pharmacy in antibiotic stewardship, and technological solutions.

- Identify the role of the Infection Preventionist and review the basics of infection and prevention control.
- Describe how infection culture and sensitivity reports impact antibiotic selection and accurate prescribing.
- Recall the importance of infection prevention in the dietary department and environmental services.
- Review Multidrug Resistant Organisms (MDROs) circulating in Iowa and the Midwest.
- Outline basic sanitary guidelines for food preparation, serving and storage.
- Evaluate the water systems in provider settings to learn where critical points are in the water system for the growth of legionella bacteria.
- Identify what information from the infection prevention and control program should be included in the provider's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement meetings.
- Describe how root cause analysis, action plans, performance improvement and monitoring can improve infection prevention strategies.
- Determine how technology can improve the monitoring of infection prevention and control.
- Identify how pharmacists play an active role in antibiotic prescribing.

Intended Audience

Infection Preventionists and Directors of Nursing.

Program Agenda

8:30-9 a.m.	Onsite registration/check-in
9-10 a.m.	The Role of the Infection Preventionist, Infection Prevention and Control Basics, and NHSN Reporting (Kellie Van Ree, LeadingAge Iowa)
10-10:15 a.m.	Iowa Workforce and Infection Control Grant (Deb Martin, CE Solutions/VGM Education)
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Surveillance & Antibiotic Stewardship (Sue Ayers, Chautauqua Guest Homes & Deb Martin, CE Solutions/VGM Education)
12-12:45 p.m.	Lunch (provided) & Expo
12:45-1:30 p.m.	Current Infection Prevention & Control Issues (Lisa Vitale, Iowa HHS invited)
1:30-2 p.m.	Infection Control in the Kitchen (Julie Halfpop, Martin Bros.)
2 -2:30 p.m.	Environmental Services & Water Plan (Rob Fiori, Martin Bros.)
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Infection Control Reporting to QAPI (Sue Ayers, Chautauqua Guest Homes)
2:45-3 p.m.	Break
3-3:30 p.m.	Integrating IPC into the Organization QAPI Plan (Gina Anderson, Telligen)
3:30-4 p.m.	Technological Solutions to Infection Control (Deb Martin, CE Solutions/VGM Education)
4-4:30 p.m.	Involving the Pharmacy in Antibiotic Stewardship (Erika Kramer, Trio Pharmacy)

Faculty

Gina Anderson RN, BSN, Senior Quality Improvement Facilitator, Telligen, Des Moines

Gina Anderson RN, BSN is a Senior Quality Improvement Facilitator at Telligen. She has worked in and supported nursing homes in a variety of roles for more than 25 years including an MDS coordinator, Director of Nursing, and nurse consultant. In her current role, she supports nursing homes across the Telligen region with quality improvement enhanced assistance, education, and resources. Gina has a strong compassion for building relationships with providers to improve the lives of residents living in health care facilities.

Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, LNHA, IP, Administrator, Chautauqua Guest Homes, Charles City

Sue Ayers has been involved in long-term care for the past 30 years and currently serves as an infection preventionist for two skilled nursing facilities. She has experience as a DON, administrator, nurse consultant, and educator at the collegiate level. She is also a nursing expert witness reviewing cases nationally. She is the principle clinical author of Infection Compliance Solutions, a software program that tracks and trends multiple areas in infection control. She has completed the IP course from APIC and from the CDC.

Julie Halfpop, RDN, LD, Director of Nutrition Services, Martin Bros. Distributing Inc., Cedar Falls

Julie Halfpop is the director of nutrition services at Martin Bros. Distributing. She has devoted 35 years to inspiring dining strategies to maximize client satisfaction and wellness in senior living. She currently oversees 10 dietitians who work closely with senior living professionals in menu development, provision, and staff education.

Rob Fiori; Director of Solutions, Martin Bros. Distributing Inc., Cedar Falls

Rob Fiori has over 32 years in the foodservice and healthcare industries including 20 years in the chemical, sanitation, and janitorial segments. Rob's experiences has strengthened his skills in sanitation training, infection control, safety, and cost savings. Rob leads a team of specialists that dedicate their time to customers to assist them with training their staff. Rob and his team introduce new products and procedures, helping customers to run their operations efficiently and safely, while meeting standards in the industry.

Erika Kramer, LNHA, Director of Sales and Educational Development, Trio Pharmacy, Coralville

Erika Kramer graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a BA in business management. She started as an intern for Martin Brothers in 2005 and worked in the medical supplies department in May of 2006 and became the marketing and education director in June of 2009, focusing on nursing education events and webinars as well as tools for the nursing side in long-term care. In April 2014, Erika became the health care market developer for Missouri, focusing on the nutritional services in Senior Living Communities. She recently pursued her administrators license at Des Moines Area Community College and passed her national administrator boards in March of 2017. Erika is currently the director of sales and educational development for Trio Pharmacy, a subsidiary of United Scripts.

Deb Martin, RN, BSN, IP, Account Executive, CE Solutions/VGM Education, Waterloo

Deb Martin was a DON for 10 years in a skilled facility prior to coming to work at VGM Education as an account Executive. She provides content for courses and recently was part of a team that developed an Infection Control tool. Deb worked in a long-term care facility for ten years as a director of nursing.

Kellie Van Ree, RN, LNHA, IP, Director of Clinical Services, LeadingAge Iowa, Urbandale

Kellie Van Ree started her career in long-term care as a dietary aide, working short shifts after school, later advancing to a certified nurse's aide and a certified medication aide. In 2003, Kellie graduated from Kirkwood Community College, serving as an LPN, later returning to Kirkwood to complete her associates degree in applied science and successfully completed RN boards. In 2009, Kellie again returned to Bellevue University to complete her bachelor's degree in long-term care administration. In addition to being a state surveyor for a short period of time, Kellie served in many positions throughout a long-term care continuum including a home health nurse, corporate consultant, director of nursing and administrator before becoming the director of clinical services with LeadingAge Iowa.

Lisa Vitale, MSN, RN, CIC, Iowa Health and Human Services, Des Moines, Iowa

Lisa Vitale, MSN, RN, CIC, is a Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Nurse Clinician for the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She has a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Infection Prevention and Control from American Sentinel College of Nursing & Health Sciences. She is board certified in Infection Prevention and Control through the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC), Inc. Lisa is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and the President of the Central Iowa APIC Chapter. Lisa has been an Infection Preventionists for 12 years.

Registration Information

Register at www.LeadingAgeIowa.org/InfectionPreventionistTraining. Space is limited so register early.

LeadingAge Iowa Member Individual Rate \$95

Prospective Member Individual Rate \$190

Registration fee includes digital handouts, light breakfast, lunch, refreshment break, and CEU/attendance certificate.

Refund Policy

The online registration deadline is January 9, 2023. Phone and onsite registrations starting January 10 will incur an additional \$25 processing fee. No-shows will be billed. Substitutions welcome anytime via fax or email. A full refund will be given to all cancellations received 10 or more business days prior to the program. A \$25 administrative fee will be charged to all cancellations received six to nine business days prior to the program. No refunds will be given to cancellations received five or fewer business days prior to the program. Refunds will be calculated by the date received and the LeadingAge Iowa business days remaining prior to the program. LeadingAge Iowa reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient enrollment, in which case pre-registered participants will be notified and full refunds provided. All cancellation and substitution requests must be sent to Amy Huisman (ahuisman@LeadingAgeIowa.org). Facilities that have an unannounced annual survey by DIA during the meeting dates will be eligible for a full refund.

Continuing Education Credit

Iowa Board of Nursing Provider #67: 6.25 contact hours. Retain Certificate for four years. Providership regulations do not allow for partial credit to be given for any portion of this program. You must attend the entire program to receive credit. Retain certificate for four years.

Nursing Home Administrators: 6.25 contact hours. This program is intended to meet the criteria established by the Iowa Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators. You must attend the entire program to receive credit. No partial credit allowed. If audited, you will be asked to provide your certificate of attendance and program material. Retain certificate for four years.

Assisted Living Managers: 6.25 contact hours. This program meets the requirements for Assisted Living Leadership recertification. You must attend the entire program to receive credit. No partial credit allowed. If audited, you will be asked to provide your certificate of attendance and program material. Retain your certification for 2 years.

For other long-term support and service provider professional not listed above: Most licensure boards, credentialing agencies and professional organizations have processes that allow individuals to earn a certain number of CEUs for non-preapproved programs and/or to accommodate self-submission for approval of continuing education hours after the event takes place with proper documentation from the program sponsors. Most also require information objectives, date/time of presentation, agendas, faculty bios and number of hours earned. If you require information for this purpose, please contact Amy Huisman in advance for assistance.

Area Hotel Information

LeadingAge Iowa has negotiated sleeping room rates at the below hotels. To receive the negotiated rate listed below you must request the "LeadingAge Iowa room rate" when calling in to make your reservation.

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

2134 La Porte Road, Waterloo, IA 50702 • 319-233-2500

\$109/night. The cutoff date for the special room rate is December 27, 2022.

Hilton Garden Inn

7213 Nordic Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613 • 319-266-6611

\$119/night. The cutoff date for the special room rate is December 27, 2022.