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APIC Training Offered in Kansas

Topeka, Kan. – Great Plains Quality Innovation Network (QIN) is partnering with nursing homes across the region to prepare them for future quality reporting requirements, improve infection control practices and improve resident outcomes. The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) provides a certificate of training to those working in long-term care with a baseline of infection prevention and control knowledge, as well as provides best practices in infection prevention and control to improve patient care in the long-term care practice setting.

APIC, in partnership with the Great Plains QIN and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is currently hosting a free four-day onsite, highly-interactive training course over the course of two months in Wichita, Kansas. There were 128 registrants; only 75 seats available. First priority for attendance was given to nursing homes fully enrolled in the NHSN system and reporting data as part of the [Cdificile Reporting & Reduction Initiative](#).

Days 1 and 2 of the in-person training were held on July 17 and 18. Following this session, trainees are required to complete the APIC assigned on-line classes. Days 3 and 4 of the in-person training will be held on August 28 and 29. After completion of all in-person and online training requirements, trainees will take an exam; a certificate of training is awarded to those who score 75% or higher. Continuing Education credit is also available to nurses who attend; all trainees will receive a **free** 1-year APIC membership.

For more information on how Great Plains Quality Innovation Network is working with nursing homes to reduce preventable healthcare conditions, [click here](#).

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