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Brief Report

## Developing an infection prevention program by leveraging the APIC competency model



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### A B S T R A C T

Health care systems are expanding and the health care industry is growing in complexity, necessitating the importance of competent Infection Preventionists (IPs). At Northwestern Medicine, a health care system consisting of diverse facilities with varied patient populations and environments of care, the need for a standardized approach to developing competent IPs became apparent. This Infection Prevention department utilized the APIC Competency Model to develop a framework for Infection Prevention program development, including a standardized orientation guide and career ladder.

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