

Healthcare Patient Room Cleaning 101

This Two-Day Session runs from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. For specific dates, please see our training schedule.

Healthcare facilities across the country are searching for ways to improve patient satisfaction, increase efficiencies, and control costs. Prepare to face the challenge of infection prevention head-on by working from the ground up. Proper surface disinfection is second only to handwashing in terms of infection prevention. It is critical that housekeepers understand their role in reducing infections and that they are included in and committed to the overall success of the organization.

You won't get meaningful or lasting performance results from a one-hour training session. Our 2-day format and hands-on approach allows attendees to practice the skills they've acquired in a real-life hospital setting only after they have learned the logic behind the process and each individual step. We begin our training sessions from square one and work forward from there.

Our procedures are based on the best practices for patient room cleaning developed by APIC, AORN, and the CDC. Our processes include hospital-grade disinfectants, microfiber mops and wipers, and quality control monitoring devices. We focus on proper surface disinfection of the CDC's "High-Touch" points in patient rooms.

This is a certification driven session and includes a two part assessment. Part one is a written exam that includes both multiple choice and short answer. Part Two is performance testing. During this portion of the assessment, our trainers observe both the terminal and occupied room cleaning processes and grade participants on a number of variables including proper disinfection of touch points, the order of the steps in the cleaning process, the time taken to complete each room, and the results of a quality control check using an Ultraviolet Marker. A score of 80% or higher is required on both assessments to receive certification.

Benefits of Attending

- Better understand the concepts, rules, and generalizations needed to effectively clean patient rooms
- Perform and practice hands-on patient room cleaning using industry best practices
- Receive certification for patient room cleaning for both terminal and occupied rooms

Topics Covered

Your Role in Infection Prevention

- Why your role matters
- The chemistry of cleaning
- How infections spread and how to prevent it

Handwashing and Proper PPE

- How to properly wash your hands
- Why is handwashing important
- General PPE/Isolation PPE

Equipment, Chemicals, and Tools

- Disinfectants –what are they and how do they work?
- Cleaning cart set-up
- Specialty Products/Tools for Isolation Rooms

Cleaning with Microfibers

- Why use microfibers
- Microfiber Color-Coding
- Setting up a microfiber pre-treat program

Occupied/Discharge/Terminal Room Cleaning

- Greeting the patient and answering questions
- Occupied Patient Room cleaning process including order of steps and tools used
- Terminal/Discharge Patient room cleaning process including overview of steps and tools used
- Added precautions for an isolation room and how to determine if it's an isolation room
- Dealing with pressures to turn over the room faster
- Quality control inspections and how to ace them!

Who Should Attend?

Housekeeping Directors/Managers/Supervisors, Housekeeping Staff Members or anyone responsible for infection prevention as it relates to surface disinfection.

