

Sexually Transmissible Infections

Code: 505-432

Title of the Subject: Sexually Transmissible Infections (Offered by Melbourne Sexual Health)

Credit Points: 12.5

Semester Offered: Semester 1

Mode of Delivery: Distance

Level: Postgraduate

Coordinator: Dr Hennie Williams

Prerequisites and/or Co-requisites: Nil

Estimated time commitment: 120 hours (includes reading course materials, all activities and assessments)

Subject Description

Topic-based seminar class on the common presentations of sexually transmissible infections (STIs), and the principles of diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmissible infections. Teaching will be given on the need for confidentiality and partner notification as they pertain to STIs. The lecture topics include: urethral discharges in men, vaginal discharges, genital herpes, wart virus infection & Pap smears, syphilis, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, proctitis & enteritis, urological issues & UTIs, laboratory diagnosis, confidentiality & partner notification. The subject will be offered via a standard classroom lecture format, and will also be offered via distance-education utilising CD-Rom and written material. This enables the subject to be offered to those living in regional and rural Australia.

Prescribed Texts: Recommended

- Russell, D., Bradford, D. and Fairley, C. (Eds.) *Sexual Health Medicine: A Clinical Approach*, IP Communications, 2005.

Assessment

- Completion of 2 short answer questions (500 words each) for 10 weeks of each semester