

About This Program

NSW Health Pathology provides a comprehensive certification program for devices used in PoCT setting across NSW Hospitals. The skill of the personnel operating devices is vital. Without highly trained operators, patient management and care may be compromised. The aim of the PoCT Training Program is to produce high-quality certified operators of devices across NSW Local Health Districts (LHDs).

The PoCT Training Program is delivered as a *blended learning* approach and consists of **2** mandatory modules:

- 1. On-line tutorial** – This tutorial is an introduction to the device and helps build basic knowledge of the device prior to attending the “face to face” workshop. **Currently some devices do not have an “on-line tutorial”. Please check with your trainer to see if there is an “on-line tutorial” for the device you require training for.**
- 2. Practical workshop** - The workshop is vital for building practical skills in the use of the device and enables participants to ask questions to certified trainers to build confidence with the device in a “small group” training session.

On –line Tutorial Requirements

All new operators are required to complete an “on-line tutorial” for the device they require training on prior to attending the workshop. The tutorials are usually **20-30 minutes** and can be accessed via the PoCT Website: *Stay Certified* tab or on My Health Learning by searching the course catalogue using the device name. Please contact your facility’s Super user or local PoCT Coordinator for further details. PoCT Coordinators for your LHD can be located via the PoCT Website

<http://www.pathology.health.nsw.gov.au/dealerlocator/locator.aspx?action=search>

Please Note: For all PoCT Training Programs where an “on-line tutorial” is available you must print your Certificate of Completion and bring it to the workshop. A trainer must site this certificate before you can be granted access to the device.

Practical Workshop Requirements

The workshop will be practical in nature with a demonstration of the device and “hands-on” practice. Depending on the device, workshop sessions may range from **20 – 60 minutes**. You will need to attend the workshop in its entirety to meet the requirements for competency. It is suggested that you allocate time for this training to reduce interruptions. Mobile phones, etc. should not be brought to training. Please dress appropriately. No other equipment is required.

Who Conducts the Training

This varies from facility to facility. Only certified Trainers are able to deliver training on PoCT devices. Trainers are typically Super users at your site for a specific device, local NSW Health Pathology PoCT Coordinators or the device Vendor.

Assessment

Assessment is a competency based practical demonstration. Participants will be assessed on their ability to be able to effectively run a test on the device during the workshop. Certified Trainers will assess your competency and attendance will be recorded via a competency assessment record. Your operator ID access card will be sent to you within a week post training.

How to Enrol

Contact your local PoCT Coordinator or facility’s Super user. Alternatively you can contact the PoCT Training Coordinator via email at Julie.monnox@health.nsw.gov.au