

Position Available
Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) 1/Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) 2
Full Time – 37.5 hours per week

Service Area: Prevention and Health Promotion Services

Reports to: Director of Prevention and Health Promotion Services

Salary: DIS 1: \$21.34-\$26.05/hour \$41,613.00-\$50,797.50/year

DIS 2: \$23.52-28.70/hour \$45,864.00-\$55,965.00/year

Under the direction of the Director of Prevention and Health Promotion Services (PHPS), the DIS provides clients who test positive for a sexually-transmitted infection within an assigned region with counseling and referrals for medical care, and works to stop the spread of disease by intervening with contacts of newly-infected individuals. Under the coordination of the DIS Coordinator, works to ensure compliance with applicable program standards and protocols, grant requirements, state laws and rules, and Board of Health adopted policies and regulations.

Essential Duties

- Contacts individuals with a new diagnosis of a sexually-transmitted infection (STI) and provides education and referrals to ensure patients are treated and linked to care in their community.
- Provides partner services by engaging with contacts of identified persons testing positive for an STI in order to coordinate testing and/or treatment
- Assists other DIS during other STI outbreaks by conducting disease intervention.
- Participates in activities to educate medical providers and local health departments in Region 10 on established CDC and ODH STI treatment guidelines. Participates in the Region 10 Congenital Syphilis Review Board.
- Travels throughout an 11-county region in order to provide disease intervention; may need to use own vehicle.
- Maintains records of program activities and compiles data in order to evaluate program outcomes and prepare and submit required reports on time
- Enters client data into on-line Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) accurately to ensure disease control and surveillance data is reported within established timeframe
- Collects human biological specimens in the field as necessary to ensure testing services are completed in a timely manner

Qualifications

Valid Ohio Driver's license with an acceptable driving record and proof of auto liability insurance coverage required. Must have a vehicle to use on the job that is in roadworthy condition. Must be able to gain access to potential testing sites, e.g. prisons and other secure facilities.



DIS 1:

Associate's degree in health or human services related field. One (1) year related work experience preferred. Equivalent combinations of education and experience will be considered. Eligible for phlebotomy certification upon hire. Phlebotomy certification required within 24 months of hire. HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral (CTR) training completion required within 12 months of hire. Passport to Partner Services training completion required within 12 months of hire.

DIS 2:

Bachelor's degree in health or human services related field. Three (3) years previous experience in health, science or health education preferred. Or an Associate's degree in health or human services related field. At least five (5) years previous experience as a CDC or ODH-trained DIS. Eligible for phlebotomy certification upon hire. Phlebotomy certification required within 24 months of hire. HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral (CTR) training completion required within 12 months of hire. Passport to Partner Services training completion required within 12 months of hire.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Occasional overtime required. Travel within and outside the region required. Occasional work at night or on weekends. May come in contact with blood/body fluids.

BENEFITS: Paid holidays, vacation, health insurance, public retirement system

Submit resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, Allen County Public Health, PO Box 1503, Lima Ohio 45802-1503 or email to jobs@allenhealthdept.org

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