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| Job Title: | Infection Prevention Specialist 1 | Job Code/ Req#: | 63607 |
| Department/Group: | TN DOH | Position Type: | Contract |
| Duration : | 12/16/2024 - 12/14/2025 | Date Posted: | 11/13/2024 |
| Expenses Allowed | Yes | Posting Expires: | 11/20/2024 |
| **Location :** | Remote  **Address**  2101 Medical Center Way Knoxville, Tennessee 37920 | **Quantity Requested :** | 1 |
| **Level/Salary Range :** | Max$60/hr on C2C | Send Resumes to : | resumes@taurusbiz.com |
| **Schedule:** | | | |
| **Days**  Monday Yes Tuesday Yes Wednesday Yes Thursday Yes Friday Yes Saturday No Sunday No  **Hours/Day**  7.5  **Time Zone**  CST  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Shifts Start Time End Time Description Active**    Shift 1 8:00AM 4:30PM Regular Shift Yes  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Description**  **East Tennessee (Knoxville Region)**  **Job Overview:**  **Summary:**  Under general supervision, is responsible for professional public health field contact work of average  difficulty and performs related work as required. The goal of the Infection Prevention Specialist is to protect the health of the citizens of Tennessee through the prevention and control of infections within healthcare settings such as Acute Care Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Outpatient settings.Distinguishing **Features:** This is the entry/working level class in the Infection Prevention sub-series. This class differs from the Infection Prevention Specialist 2 in that an incumbent of the latter performs duties of a larger scope and complexity, acts as the primary manager of projects or studies, and supervises employees.  **Work Activities:**  Conducts on-site infection control assessments of healthcare facilities, provides follow-up consultation around mitigation of identified infection control gaps, observes infection control practices and reviews policies and procedures to ensure compliance with national best practices endorsed by the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA). Provides infection control training to internal and external stakeholders, including state, regional and local health department staff,state surveyors, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers, infection preventionists and quality improvement specialists across the spectrum of healthcare. Provides technical assistance and conducts training sessions for healthcare partners and users of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) including enrollment, assistance with the application of definitions and data validation. Responds to state and federal regulatory referrals (e.g., the Joint Commission) for certified Medicare/Medicaid entities with immediate jeopardy infection control tags. Responds to complaintsreferred by the Office of Healthcare Facilities or the Health Boards. Interprets Tennessee Department of Health regulations,  the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Conditions of Participation (COP), Health Insurance  Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy rule, information on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) websites and medical/legal concepts regarding healthcare data. Provides support in the investigation of Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) outbreaks and containment responses to single cases of pathogens of urgent public health concern in healthcare settings. Provides consultative infection control advice to facility staff regarding the management of infectious patients/residents and other infection prevention issues. Participates inEmerging  Infections Program funded multi-state point prevalence surveys and other related Healthcare Associated  Infections (HAI) grant funded projects. Serves as an independent outside infection control observer in public health emergencies (e.g., Ebola or other highly infectious diseases). Applies principles of antibiotic stewardship and quality improvement to infection control activities.  **Qualifications**   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Type** | **Category** | **Qualification** | **Description** | **Competency** | **Required** | | Certifications | Others | Qualifications and Certification | Please see Attachment |  | No | | | | |
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