
JOB POSTING NOTICE

Position Title:	Infection Prevention and Control Consultant
Department:	Infectious Disease Prevention and Control
Duration:	Permanent
Location:	Ottawa, ON
Hours of Work:	36.25 hours per week
Posting Date:	June 25, 2010
Closing Date:	July 23, 2010

Organization Summary

The Ontario Agency for Health Protection & Promotion (OAHPP) is a centre for specialized research and knowledge in public health, focusing in the areas of infectious disease, infection control and prevention, health promotion, chronic disease and injury prevention, and environmental health. It provides technical and scientific assistance, rapid on-site field support, as needed, specialized communication and training, as well as standards input and practical tools for implementing best practices.

The Agency was created by the Ontario Government as a result of its commitment to Operation Health Protection, through the Health System Improvements Act (Bill 171). As Ontario's first ever provincial Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, the Agency brings academic, clinical, and government experts together to create a centre of public health excellence in the province.

Position Details:

The Infection Prevention and Control Consultant is responsible for providing a range of educational and consultative services to front-line staff involved with infection prevention and control in regional stakeholder organizations.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develops and delivers educational programs on infection prevention and control for stakeholders through interactive training sessions, workshops or individual consultations which encourage front-line providers to change/modify their behaviours with respect to infection prevention and control; provides reference resources such as fact sheets; evaluates the success of the training sessions; acts as a mentor for new infection prevention and control professionals as part of a formal educational program;
- Reviews and advises on local infection prevention and control practices; promotes and assists in the development of standardized programs, resources, policies/procedures and protocols throughout the region so that each category of facility is responding in a similar manner; disseminates guidelines/best practices across the health care continuum; monitors local operations to ensure compliance with best practices;
- Develops and sustains collaborative partnerships with front-line staff within stakeholder organizations throughout the region; brings together individuals with common issues or problems on projects to facilitate the exchange of information; contributes to the development and implementation of the Network's mandate and operating procedures by taking a significant role in the identification, participation or facilitation of projects that fit the Agency's mission; participates on provincial working groups;
- Responds to calls from stakeholders on a wide variety of infection prevention and control issues, provides timely guidance and advice based on current evidence and best practices, including: making recommendations on practical measures or alternative solutions for their local health care settings based on an operational knowledge of the location; identifying problems and devising possible solutions to prevent and control adverse situations;

- Participates in department research activities, keeps apprised of the latest research and developments in infectious disease prevention and infection control within the Agency and at other institutions; takes on other duties and responsibilities, as required.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Thorough knowledge of infection prevention and control best practice standards within a variety of health care settings, e.g. acute care, long-term care, community care, etc.;
- Knowledge of the operations and authority of the various local stakeholders in the infection prevention and control system, i.e. community laboratories, hospitals, health care providers, and health units, with a thorough understanding of relevant regulations and regulatory trends in epidemiology, public health, acute care, long-term care and surveillance (e.g. privacy legislation);
- Excellent interpersonal, leadership, team building and relationship building skills in order to interact well with all stakeholders, maintain effective linkages with all levels of contacts; proven ability to work as a collaborative team member with a track record in developing professional networks/partnerships;
- Ability to facilitate groups, deliver formal learning/training sessions and presentations using adult learning techniques within a variety of settings for professional staff;
- Analytical, problem solving and evaluation skills to diagnose the nature of the questions received and affect change in practical situations;
- Good oral communication skills with an ability to initiate and model positive change;
- Highly organized, with an ability to determine priorities and plan activities while performing a variety of different responsibilities with conflicting deadlines, particularly to determine the importance and urgency of issues and to respond effectively to fluctuating work load demands in a fast paced environment;
- Strong written communication and editorial skills in order to prepare briefing notes, reports, letters, presentations, educational sessions and a wide variety of other materials;
- Proficient with various computer systems and software programs including: database management, word processing, spreadsheet and presentation applications, (MS Office);
- Ability to work independently and on own with minimal supervision;
- Will be required to travel within geographic area;
- Fluent in both French and English.

Education and Experience:

- Degree or diploma in relevant health science or related discipline, Certification in Infection Control (CIC) with at least 5 years of experience in Infection Prevention and Control.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please visit www.oahpp.ca/careers and click on the job title.

Thank you for your interest in this position, however, only qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview. Please continue to view our website for new career opportunities with the ***Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion***.