

State of Connecticut JOB POSTING

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES CT Mental Health Center JOB OPPORTUNITY

Infection Control Practitioner CM 104879

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!

Open To: State Employees ONLY LATERAL TRANSFER (Please see Eligibility Requirements Below)

Location: CT Mental Health Center/Department of Nursing- 34 Park Street New Haven, CT

Job Posting No: CM 104879

Hours: 1st Shift / 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM / Monday- Friday

Salary Range: \$60,166.00- \$81,307.00 Annually

Posting Date: March 21, 2014

Closing Date: March 27, 2014

Eligibility Requirements: State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer. **Applicants will not have the opportunity to take the exam prior to the above closing date to qualify for this particular vacancy.**

Duties may include but not limited to: Conducts surveillance of infections in patients/clients and employees; prepares monthly reports, statistical summaries and analyses of infections for the Infection Control Committee; writes policies and procedures for infection prevention and control; develops and conducts in-service education programs for all facility personnel to improve knowledge and practices of infection control and epidemiology of infectious diseases; maintains records of all patients/clients with infections; consults with Epidemiologists in Department of Public Health when clusters of infection occur and/or unusual pathogens are isolated; reports and provides information required by Department of Public Health or other official bodies; consults in infection control aspects of employee health program including immunization and other similar activities; develops and updates isolation techniques according to current standards of practice which provide optimum care for patients/clients with infections; monitors patient/client care activities to identify methods, techniques, equipment, supplies, new products and/or specific policies or procedures which may constitute a risk of originating or transmitting infections; reviews sterilization and disinfection methods practiced in all areas of facility and makes recommendations for changes; may attend educational conferences related to specialty. Design and conduct prevalence studies in order to evaluate effectiveness of surveillance as evaluated by document. Collaborates with nursing and all disciplines to interpret CDC guidelines, OSHA and Joint Commission standards. Co-chairs monthly infection Control Committee meetings with processes reports to committee meetings. Participation in Center-wide Nursing Meetings function as a CMHC credentialed professional nurse representing nursing in medical professional committee meetings. Design data, create spread sheets analyze data with statistical summaries and recommendations regarding effectiveness of current Infection control practices, quarterly and annual reports. Conduct and design special studies based on data analysis. ; performs related duties as required.

Special Requirements: Must possess and retain a current license as a registered professional nurse in Connecticut. Incumbents must possess and retain a current motor vehicle operator's license.

Preferred experience: Preference to those that possess a CIC certification (Certification in Infection Prevention and Control) as designated and awarded by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC).

Note: Applicants will be selected in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion, collective bargaining unit contract language, merit employment lists and DMHAS affirmative action goals. Therefore, State employees will generally be considered before applicants from outside State service.

Application Instructions: Due to the large number of lateral transfer forms and applications received, it is extremely important to note the **Job Posting Number (found on the posting)** on the DMHAS Lateral Transfer Request Form (**upper right-hand corner**) and at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12).

To be considered for this position:

DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates (example: Infection Control Practitioner applying to an Infection Control Practitioner posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed.

DMHAS employees who are promotional/demotional candidates must submit the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).

All other applicants must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

**PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Connecticut Mental Health Center
34 Park Street, New Haven, CT 06519
Fax : (203) 974-7637 / Email : cmhcrecruitment.ct.gov**

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