

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
POSTING OF VACANCY
MICROBIOLOGIST 1
LABORATORY – Quality Assurance

POSTING DATE: January 26, 2015

CLOSING DATE: February 2, 2015

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

Open To: Candidates on a current examination list

POSITION CONTROL NUMBER: 103428DL NOTE: THIS NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED ON YOUR APPLICATION

LOCATION: 395 West Street, Rocky Hill

SHIFT/HOURS: 1st Shift/35 hours/week

SALARY GROUP/RANGE: HC 18/\$45,280*-\$60,613 (*NEW State Employees)

NOTE: Candidates must have applied for and passed the **Microbiologist 1** exam and be on the current certification list promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services. State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status in the class may apply for lateral transfer without taking the examination. Applicants will not have the opportunity to take the exam prior to the above closing date to qualify for this particular vacancy.

Preferred Skills:

- Experience in microbiological examination of food, foodborne pathogen identification and related microbiological testing of food using BAX-PCR, ELISA, Biochemical examinations and culture methods
- Experience with safe working practices in a laboratory setting
- Experience with ISO 17025 requirements and achieving compliance for testing, especially in the food testing area.
- Experience with FDA and USDA Quality Control and Quality Assurance guidelines pertaining to food testing
- Experience in using Microsoft Excel, Access and Word for quality assurance data and reporting
- Experience working with a group toward a common goal

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY:

Knowledge of current principles and practices of biomedical sciences and microbiological disciplines including bacteriology, parasitology, virology and others as they relate to public health; knowledge of equipment and instruments used in modern public health laboratories; knowledge of applicable analytical techniques; knowledge of quality assurance and quality control policies and procedures; knowledge of universal laboratory precautions; knowledge of basic laboratory hazards and safety; oral and written communication skills; interpersonal skills; ability to perform standard biomedical science, microbiological and biochemical examinations; ability to utilize computer software.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

General Experience:

Five (5) years of experience in a public health or clinical laboratory involving scientific work in the field of microbiology, biochemistry or molecular biology.

Substitution Allowed:

1. College training in the natural sciences may be substituted for the General Experience on the basis of fifteen (15) semester hours equaling one half (1/2) year of experience to a maximum of four (4) years for a Bachelor's degree.
2. A Master's degree in the natural sciences may be substituted for the General Experience.
3. Successful completion of the Connecticut Careers Trainee program in microbiology may be substituted for the General Experience.

Special Requirement:

1. Incumbents in this class must be willing to periodically undergo tests and immunizations for communicable diseases.
2. Incumbents in this class may be required to have specific education and/or experience to meet various certification and/or licensing requirements.
3. Incumbents in this class may be required to undergo and successfully complete security background checks.

Working Conditions: Incumbents in this class may be exposed to communicable diseases and hazardous substances.

PLEASE NOTE: This position will be filled in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules.

Application Instructions: ANYONE WISHING TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETE State of Connecticut Application Form for Examination and Employment (Form CT-HR-12), INCLUSION OF A RESUME IS OPTIONAL. THE ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE CLOSING DATE AT THE TOP OF THIS FORM AT:

Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13PER
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
FAX: 860-509-7184(if faxing, only one application is necessary)
EMAIL: dph.recruitment@ct.gov

* The closing date is for this posting. This may differ from the examination closing date for a competitive examination. Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Human Resources Office (Recruitment Hotline, 509-7223).

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