

Job opportunity

Infection Preventionist. (IP)

This is a full time position with the Georgia Department of Public Health, Epidemiology Program, Acute Disease Epidemiology Section.

The IP will be responsible for conducting infection control readiness assessments for a variety of healthcare facilities across the continuum of care, including acute, long-term care, ambulatory surgical, and dialysis settings. The incumbent will provide input on selection of assessment tools for each setting, conduct on-site assessments, identify gaps in infection prevention readiness and develop mitigation plans with the facility, provide on-site feedback and training (when possible or refer to Georgia Infection Prevention Program training), and conduct targeted facility re-assessments. Incumbent will prepare periodic status reports to identify facilities audited and reassessed, trends of findings, and recommendations for the infection prevention standards workgroup. The IP will work closely with the HAI Medical Epidemiologist and Lead Infection Preventionist (to conduct assessments), the HAI Program Manager (to manage the statewide HAI program), and the HAI Epidemiologists (to assist in identifying facilities for audits), and the Georgia HAI Advisory Committee. The individual should have training consistent with an acute care infection preventionist (e.g., RN, MT [ASCP], MPH, etc.), experience as an acute care infection preventionist, and preferably be Certified in Infection Control.

Participates as a member of the multidisciplinary Georgia Healthcare-associated (HAI) Infection Prevention Program to understand the burden of HAIs within the state, how these infections occur and to work collaboratively with healthcare facilities, and other partners toward their reduction and elimination.

Minimum Qualifications:

RN, MT (ASCP), MPH, preferably Certified in Infection Control (CIC).

2-5 years' experience within the acute care setting.

Preferred Qualifications:

Preference will be given to applicants who in addition to meeting the minimum qualifications, possess experience in the following:

RN, MT (ASCP), MPH, preferably Certified in Infection Control (CIC).

2-5 years' experience within the acute care setting.

2-5 years' experience working in infection control and prevention.

2-5 years' experience using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) HAI surveillance criterion.

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