



Agency: Patient Safety Authority
Type of Job: Non-civil service/Management
Hours: 7.5 hours/day
Reports to: Director of Education & Outreach

Job Title: Infection Preventionist
Type Position: Perm/FT
Work Location: Remote
Supervisor Position: N

JOB DESCRIPTION

Summary/Objective:

The Infection Preventionist assists the Patient Safety Authority (PSA) with improving patient safety in Pennsylvania by initiating, developing, implementing, and monitoring new and existing infection prevention and reduction initiatives. The Infection Preventionist reports to the PSA's Director of Education and Outreach.

Essential Functions:

1. Actively support and promote the PSA's mission, vision, and programs.
2. Develop, implement, and monitor the PSA's Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Plan.
3. Plan, coordinate, develop, and conduct education for appropriate stakeholders in Pennsylvania healthcare facilities and at local, state, and national levels for professional societies and other interest groups regarding infection prevention and reduction and the PSA's role, mission, and activities.
4. Serve as a resource for Pennsylvania healthcare facilities by visiting and/or consulting with facility infection preventionists ("IPs") and others as needed and as requested by the Director of Education and Outreach or others.
5. Solicit feedback from Pennsylvania healthcare facilities regarding infection-related initiatives, successes, and needs.
6. Help facility IPs and others utilize PSA resources to prevent and reduce HAIs and encourage distribution of these resources within their facilities.
7. Work with facilities and other stakeholders to share patient safety policies and procedures that have led to improvement.
8. Develop, implement, lead, and monitor collaborative and other activities with Pennsylvania healthcare facilities focused on infection prevention and reduction.
9. Develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders in infection prevention throughout Pennsylvania including, but not limited to, local/state health departments, APIC, PADONA, hospital associations, and nursing home associations.
10. Conduct analysis on facility HAI data maintained by the PSA and identify trends and issues associated with this data as assigned by the Director of Education and Outreach.
11. Maintain, develop, and submit documents and reports as required by requested deadlines.
12. Interact with patient safety liaisons, project managers, analysts, and other PSA personnel as necessary.
13. Perform related work and carry out other responsibilities that serve the infection reduction objectives of the PSA as assigned by the Director of Education and Outreach or the Executive Director.



Competencies:

1. Learning orientation
2. Organizational skills
3. Thoroughness
4. Teamwork orientation
5. Collaboration skills
6. Communication proficiency (verbal and written)
7. Staff/Client focus
8. Discretion

Minimum Experience/Training:

1. Registered Nurse, BSN required. Current active Pennsylvania license.
2. Current Certification in Infection Control (CIC) required.
3. FAPIC designation preferred, but not required.
4. Minimum of 10 years' experience
5. Familiarity with NHSN, PA-PSRS, and NEDSS.
6. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk and hear. The employee is frequently required to stand, walk, and reach with hands and arms. At times, this job may require lifting boxes of materials, computer/audio-visual equipment and transported via a handcart.

Hours of Work:

Some flexibility of hours is allowed, but the employee must work 37.5 hours each week to maintain full-time status. Occasional evening and weekend work may be required as job duties demand.

Travel:

Routine day travel is required. Some out-of-area and overnight travel is also expected.

Other Duties:

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.