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NURSE EPIDEMIOLOGIST (JC1944)(John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital)
MEDICINE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES
SHIFT: DAYS
LOCAL: NNOC

JOB SUMMARY:

Responsible for implementing, coordinating and monitoring the Infection Control Committee and Surveillance program through-out the Cook County Bureau of Health Services for all age groups, patients, visitors and Health Care Workers. Functions as a liaison between medical, nursing and support service personnel of assigned service areas. The Infection Control Program Core Center Administrator and Hospital Epidemiologists reinforces the Infection Control Quality Assurance program and approved Infection Control policy and procedures. Consults with the Hospital Epidemiologist for all outbreaks and unusual infections and implements the proposed plan of control. Collects and analyzes data, writes reports, and consults with personnel. Responsibilities are distributed equally between Surveillance, Prevention, Control, Education and Committee activity. Maintains high visibility and interfaces with administration and personnel on assigned services areas. Interfaces with personnel on all levels. Participates in the Quality Assurance Program. Maintains effective communication with peers, administration and staff in assigned service area.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Currently licensed as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of Illinois (must provide licensure at time of application filing). Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing required (must provide proof of graduation at time of interview). PLUS five (5) years experience as an Infection Control Practitioner.

OR

- Currently licensed as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of Illinois (must provide licensure at time of application filing). Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's Degree (must provide proof of graduation at time of interview), with an emphasis in Public Health to include microbiology and epidemiology course work. PLUS one (1) year of professional nursing experience in Infection Control or Public Health.
- Certification by the Board of Infection Control (C.I.C) is desirable.
- Current member of Association for professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) is required (must provide proof at time application filing).
- Must present a valid Illinois Driver's License and provide proof of automobile insurance coverage at time of application filing.

PROMOTIONAL RECRUITMENT:

In cases of promotion and transfer, employees shall have first preference in order of their department seniority, provided that the employee has the ability and qualifications to perform the required work.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

Ability to evaluate and assist Health Care Workers to maintain appropriate infection control and prevention practices. Ability to participate in professional activities related to infection control. Skilled to assist in the identification of infection prevention control learning needs for assigned service areas, develops and implements plan to address needs. Ability to use word processing and data management programs. Ability to participate with the Hospital/Bureau Epidemiologists in appropriate infection prevention and central research projects. Ability to travel to all Bureau of Health Service sites.

