

Code: 4521

Title: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATOR (CDI) - I

SUMMARY: Investigates communicable disease sources and provides health education to the public for reducing risks for acquiring communicable diseases. It is distinguished from CDI II which also provides direct nursing services to patients.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: (Work assignments may vary depending on the department's needs and will be communicated to the applicant or incumbent by the supervisor.)

Investigates possible disease sources by interviewing patients and contacts, and reviewing associated information in order to locate the source, carriers, and all spread cases related to the disease incident;
Refers affected patients to appropriate diagnostic facilities for examination and treatment;
Performs selective blood testing surveys and applies other epidemiological techniques in high incident areas;
Maintains appropriate confidentiality and security of information created or encountered in the course of assigned duties;
Provides information and education services to the public;
Promotes uniform investigative methods and reporting procedures with physicians, laboratories, and community health facilities;
Prepares and submits manual and computer-based reports.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:

Knowledge of:

- overall public health practices and procedures;
- the cause, spread, and control of communicable diseases;
- investigative and interviewing techniques and procedures;
- community resources for public health education and treatment.

Skill in:

- performing communicable disease investigations;
- applying effective interviewing techniques;
- documenting and reporting activities, manually and using computer-based systems;
- communicating effectively;
- establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with others and maintaining required confidentiality and security of information encountered.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EITHER:

(1) A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in public health, health education, biology, microbiology, nursing or a closely related field as defined by the appointing authority at time of recruitment.

OR:

(2) A high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalency certificate and four years of paid/unpaid experience providing public health services, health care services, health education and/or communicable disease education and intervention.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Licenses and Certificates: Some positions may require a valid Class D Arizona Driver's License at the time of appointment.

SPECIAL NOTICE ITEMS: Department of Labor Regulation CFR Part 1910.1030 requires notification that this classification may have a high risk of exposure to blood borne pathogens and other communicable diseases. In accordance with OSHA and Pima County guidelines, tuberculin (TB) screening, hepatitis B vaccinations and safety training and equipment will be provided. Some positions may require fluency in English and a second language, as determined by the appointing authority.

Physical/Sensory Requirements: Physical and sensory abilities will be determined by position.

This class specification is intended to indicate the basic nature of positions allocated to the class and examples of typical duties that may be assigned. It does not imply that all positions within the class perform all of the duties listed, nor does it necessarily list all possible duties that may be assigned.

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