Communicable Disease Specialist

**SALARY:** Depends on Qualifications

**OPENING DATE:** 11/17/15

**CLOSING DATE:** 12/06/15 11:59 PM

**DESCRIPTION:**
The Georgia Department of Public Health is the lead agency entrusted by the people of the state of Georgia with the ultimate responsibility for the health of communities and the entire population.

The agency is seeking a highly qualified candidate for the position of Communicable Disease Specialist within the South Health District, comprised of 10 counties, located in Valdosta, GA.

The incumbent will gather, analyze and monitor data regarding communicable diseases within the health district. And ensure implementation of timely disease intervention strategies to decrease the prevalence of such diseases.

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Assists in the implementation of timely disease intervention strategies to decrease the prevalence of communicable diseases.
2. Performs investigations, data collection and analysis, and interpretation.
3. Performs reporting and surveillance activities.
4. Prepares documentation of all communicable disease case investigations occurring within the district.
5. Provides case management services, eg home visits, clinic referrals, patient education/counseling, etc to clients with various communicable diseases such as sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, pertussis, rubella, hepatitis, etc.
6. Provides direct diagnostic and therapeutic services for public health clients both in the clinic and field setting.
7. Provides educational programs, seminars and in-service training sessions to enhance public understanding of various communicable diseases.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**
Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;
OR associate degree and two years of experience in a related area;
OR four years experience in a medical related field;
OR licensure as a registered nurse (RN) and one year of nursing experience.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**
Georgia Department of Public Health Commissioner and leaders encourages all employees to engage in regular wellness activities and to make lifestyle choices that promote health and well-being.

The use of wellness breaks during the workday is authorized to support this philosophy and assist employees in meeting their wellness goals. A maximum of 30 minutes in a given workday may be used to engage in wellness activities, generally in the form of two 15-minute breaks or one 30-minute break.
Employment Information

Current State employees are subject to State Personnel Board rules regarding salary.

DPH accepts educational credential recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and/or the US Department of Education (DOE) will be considered. DPH will contact educational institutions to verify degree, diploma, licensure, etc.

The candidate selected for this position may be subject to pre-employment drug screening and a criminal background check.

As an employee of DPH, in the event of an identified emergency you may be required, as a term and condition of employment, to assist in meeting the emergency responsibilities of the department.

If you require accommodations under the American Disability Act (ADA), email request by the closing date of this announcement to: DPH-HR@dph.ga.gov.

DPH is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Due to the volume of applications received, we are unable to provide information on application status by phone or e-mail. All qualified applicants will be considered, but may not necessarily receive an interview. Selected applicants will be contacted by the hiring agency for next steps in the selection process.

Applicants who are not selected will not receive notification.

This position is subject to close at any time once a satisfactory applicant pool has been identified.