



# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

***The Department of Health has a career opportunity for qualified candidates for the following position:***

Title <b>Research Scientist 2 [Classified Non-Competitive]</b>			Salary <b>P28 \$79,848.66 - \$113,786.94</b>
Posting Number <b>711-23</b>	Position Number <b>952661</b>	Number of Positions <b>1</b>	Posting Period * <b>From: 10/02/2023 To: 10/16/2023</b>
Location: <b>Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Communicable Disease Service 135 E. State Street, 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625</b>			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: <b>Applicants who Meet the Requirements</b>
<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>The Communicable Disease Service (CDS) is hiring a Research Scientist 2 Healthcare-associated Infections Coordinator (HAI) to the Infection Control, Healthcare, &amp; Environmental Epidemiology (ICHEE) Program. The position will be responsible for coordinating non-multidrug resistant organism (non-MDRO) healthcare-associated infection (HAI) surveillance, response, and containment activities in healthcare facilities throughout New Jersey such as acute care, long-term care, and outpatient facilities. They will assist with the development, preparation, review and distribution of procedures and protocols for HAI investigations. The HAI Coordinator (Research Scientist 2) will analyze data gathered during outbreak investigations using appropriate statistical methods and computer software. They will prepare and distribute reports and feedback to healthcare providers, local health departments and other internal partners in ICHEE and CDS. The HAI Coordinator (Research Scientist 2) will also provide guidance to CDS, regulatory agencies, local health departments, health care providers, hospitals, and others during HAI outbreaks. The HAI Coordinator will also partner with the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Coordinator to address prevention of HAIs throughout various healthcare setting types. Lastly, the HAI Coordinator will work with the Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) unit to bolster infection prevention throughout New Jersey.</p> <p>The successful candidate will have the ability to work independently, organize, plan, and manage time effectively to complete assignments. The candidate will have excellent written and verbal communication skills and will have expertise and experience with antimicrobial resistance surveillance data, outbreak investigations, infection control, data analysis, and reporting. The ability to travel on-site to healthcare facilities is preferred. Preference will be given to those candidates who have experience working with healthcare-associated infections and infection control in healthcare/public health or those with a Certification in Infection Control and Prevention (CIC).</p>			
<b>REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)</b>			
<p><b>EDUCATION:</b> Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.</p> <p><b>EXPERIENCE:</b> Three (3) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.</p> <p><b>LICENSE:</b> Appointees will be required to possess a valid driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.</p>			
<b>IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS</b>			
<p>If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forward the required documents electronically to: <b>PSSTEOH@doh.nj.gov</b></li><li>• Mail the required documents to: <b>David Sellinger, Regulatory Officer 2 Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health Reference Posting #711-23 New Jersey Department of Health PO Box 369 Trenton, NJ 08625-0369</b></li></ul> <p><b>Required documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cover letter</li><li>• resume</li><li>• completed application, found at: <a href="https://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663">https://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663</a></li></ul> <p><i>* Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.</i></p>			

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- Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.
  - If you are a candidate for a position in our Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, you may be subject to pre- and /or post-employment alcohol and drug testing.
  - If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care in one of the State facilities/programs, you may be subject to pre- and/or post-employment drug testing/screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at the candidate's expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result, or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement, will not be hired.
  - In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.
  - In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.
  - **The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
  - **RESUME NOTE:** Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.
  - **SAME APPLICANTS:** If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME Program visit their Website at: <https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml> , email: [SAME@csc.nj.gov](mailto:SAME@csc.nj.gov) , or call CSC at (833) 691-0404.