

**PERTH AND SMITHS FALLS DISTRICT HOSPITAL
ONA/OPSEU**

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DEPARTMENT: Infection Prevention and Control – RN or MLT

POSITION: Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner
Casual

SUMMARY OF JOB:

Reporting to the Chief Nursing Executive, Senior Manager of Quality, the Infection Control Professional (ICP) will act as a representative of the Infection Control Team, supporting the implementation and evaluation of the infection prevention and control program for the Perth & Smiths Falls District Hospital.

Responsibilities will include surveillance, epidemiologic investigation, outbreak management, acting as an expert resource internally and externally, education, liaising with external agencies and applying continuous quality improvement principles. The ICP will attend and participate in hospital-related committees as directed by the Laboratory/Infection Control Manager. The ICP will be required to develop and maintain a personal education program that supports continuing improvement in the role.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS MANDATORY

- Registered Nurse Certificate of Competence Province of Ontario or Registered Medical Laboratory Technologist with College of Medical Technologists of Ontario.
- Minimum five years clinical experience
- Possesses knowledge of epidemiological principles, statistics, microbiology, infectious diseases and patient care practices
- Completion of a recognized basic training course in infection control and/or epidemiology
- Current registration with the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology required or a commitment to completing the certificate within the first two years

MANDATORY COMPETENCIES

- Two years' experience in Infection Prevention & Control (IPAC will provide training to those applicants that meet other requirements and have a strong interest in Infection Prevention and Control)
- Knowledge of current infection control best practices and evidence-based recommendations and guidelines and able to integrate this knowledge into clinical practice
- Knowledge of relevant legislation and regulations
- Experience developing, implementing and evaluating educational programs
- Creative problem solver with a solution focus and patient friendly approach

- Demonstrated ability to articulate the important components of an infection prevention & control program with all levels of staff, physicians and clients

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensures that policies and procedures reflect the most current research and standards
- Uses and adapts surveillance to accommodate the client mix and the care setting
- Monitors actions, performs audits as necessary and recommends strategies to create positive outcomes
- Identify and investigate outbreaks or clusters in patients by assessing and reviewing the epidemiological variables and make recommendations on appropriate procedures to control these
- Collaborates with Employee Health to identify and report health risks
- Develops educational tools for staff, patients and visitors that relate to infection prevention and control issues or protocols
- Act as a resource in sterilization and disinfection, sanitation techniques, housekeeping and waste disposal procedures used in the Hospital

How to apply: Please email HR@psfdh.on.ca, stating the job number in the subject line.

Be advised that the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital has a vaccination policy located on PDMS. Proof of vaccination will be required as a condition of employment, subject to exemptions contained in the policy.

Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital is an equal opportunity employer committed to meeting needs under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Our recruitment process follows the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act in order to provide a fair and equitable process for all candidates. Applicants requiring accommodation through the recruitment/interview process are encouraged to contact the Human Resources Department at 613-283- 2330 ext. 1132 for assistance.

We thank all interested candidates for their response, however, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.