



# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Department of Health received a Civil Service Commission decision on August 26,2020 approving interim appointments for Unclassified Service positions within the Department of Health for an interim Public Health Recovery Division, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection. This interim division is currently established and is expected to remain operational until November 30, 2022.**

Title <b>Nursing Consultant [Unclassified]</b>			Salary <b>P28 \$75,243.18 - \$107,223.96</b>
Posting Number <b>E341-20</b>	Position Number <b>Various</b>	Number of Positions <b>5</b>	Posting Period * From: <b>12/23/2020</b> To: <b>03/30/2021</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>

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Department of Health, Communicable Disease Service has an opportunity for an Infection Preventionist (IP) with the necessary education, training, and experience to provide technical consultation and guidance with regards to auditing and evaluating healthcare facilities using standardized tools, assessing various areas of concern within a facility, and interviewing healthcare staff regarding infection control prevention, practices, and capacity as it relates to COVID-19 preparedness. The IP will partner with health professionals at the local, state, and federal level regarding issues related to HAI and infection control; includes site visits into healthcare facilities as needed.

The IP will document infection control capacity assessments, targeting areas for mitigation, and working with facilities to build capacity. This includes assisting in the education of public health care partners, primary health care providers, public health officials and the general public regarding healthcare facility preparedness for the prevention of emerging infectious pathogens and improvement of infection control practices. The position will be responsible for meeting COVID-19 federal grant requirements as specified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Infection Preventionist's expertise will also focus on preparing for and responding to high-profile and challenging events and outbreaks, such as COVID-19 in healthcare facilities. The IP will partner with the healthcare facilities that need additional infection prevention and control resources; partnering with the HAI Coordinator and as part of the HAI/AR Team; work directly with the Health Facilities Survey and Field Operations regarding healthcare facilities. Develop a sustainable training program for healthcare professionals that will address infection control gaps for various settings. Respond to outbreaks or investigations as needed.

The successful candidate will have experience in infection control, care of the environment, and experience working as part of an interdisciplinary team; experience with communicable disease investigations and with public health response preferred. Preference will be given to those candidates who are Certified in Infection Control (CIC), have experience leading on-site multi-disciplinary facility assessments using CDC infection and prevention assessment tools, experience working with federal partners (e.g. EPA, CMS), and have effectively contained spread of organisms within healthcare facilities.

## REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

**EDUCATION:** Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing or related health field and a Master's degree with a major course of study in Nursing Supervision, Administration, Public Health, Medical Care, Nursing, Health Education, or related health field.

**NOTE:** Applicants who do not possess the required Bachelor's degree but possess an Associates degree in Nursing or graduated from an accredited School of Nursing may substitute two (2) years of additional clinical nursing experience as indicated.

**NOTE:** Applicants who do not possess the required Master's degree may substitute one (1) year of additional clinical nursing experience as indicated.

**EXPERIENCE:** Six (6) years of clinical nursing experience in an acute care, long-term or community-based setting.

## IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:

- Forward the required documents electronically to:  
***PSTEEOH@doh.nj.gov***
- Mail the required documents to:  
**Steven Bors, Executive Assistant 4  
Epid., Environmental and Occupational Health  
Reference Posting #E341-20  
New Jersey Department of Health  
PO Box 369  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0369**

**Required documents:**

- cover letter
- resume
- completed application, found at:  
<http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf>

*\* Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.*

- *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.***