



MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title:	Infection Preventionist		
Department:	Mescalero Care Center		
Employment Status:	Non-Exempt	Salary: DOE	
Opening date: February 21, 2020	open until fill		

Position Summary

Have professional training/degree in nursing. Be qualified by education, training, experience or certification. Work at least part time at the facility. Participation on quality assurance and assessment committee. Have RN licensure. This position will be offered as full time until program established with the anticipation of the position transitioning to part time at a later date.

Job Summary: The infection Preventionist (IP) is responsible for identifying, investigating, monitoring, and reporting healthcare-associated infections. The IP collaborates with teams and individuals to create infection prevention strategies, provide feedback, and sustain infections prevention strategies.

This position description may not include all of the listed duties, nor do all of the listed examples include all tasks which may be found or assigned to this position.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Analytical
- Problem solving
- Collaboration
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Ability to implement evidence-based guidelines
- Identifies areas for prevention. Develops evidence based infection prevention practices.
- Teach others: provide employee education regarding best practice for infection risk, prevention and control methods.
- Program and project management
- Expertise in data collection and analysis, report writing, and data presentation
- Leadership
- Familiar with software technologies Reports to: Director of Nursing/Administrator

Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop, implement, and evaluate the organizational infection prevention program.
- Develop and implement the facility's Antibiotic Stewardship Program.
- Surveillance.
- Develop an annual surveillance plan based on the population served, services provided, and analysis of surveillance data.
- Utilizes epidemiologic principles to conduct surveillance and investigations.
- Evaluate and modify the surveillance plan as necessary.

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- Develop, interpret and assist with implementation of infection prevention and control policies and protocols.
- Develop latest information related to infection control practices and present at all QAPI meetings.
- Develop and perform/instruct monthly and as needed Mescalero Care Center staff in services regarding infection control practices and guidelines at MCC.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Have RN licensure.
- Associate degree in nursing, public health, epidemiology, clinical laboratory science, medical technology or related degree.
- Completion of Basic Certification (i.e. webinars, online course) in infection Control and Epidemiology or attainment within 12 months, after employment.

Physical Demands

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly is required to sit; stand; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk and hear. The employee frequently is required to climb or balance; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds.

Work Environment

Work is generally performed in indoors, patient homes and ambulance settings in emergency and extremely stressful situations. Noise level is high and frequent exposure to alarms and hazards. Exposure to outdoor weather conditions, fumes or airborne particles, smoke, toxic or caustic chemicals, blood borne pathogens, hazardous material and infectious disease. Situations occur where surgical masks, safety goggles, gloves and protective face shields are needed. Evening, weekend, and/or holiday work will be required.

As of November 28, 2016, nursing facilities are being held accountable to more expansive infection prevention and control federal regulations and as of November 28, 2019, nursing facilities will be required to have a designated Infection Preventionist (F882).

How to apply: Submit resume or Tribal application to Mescalero Human Resources.