

POSITION: **Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner** **1 Full Time**
 DEPARTMENT: Infection Prevention and Control
 RESPONSIBLE TO: Manager, Infection Prevention and Control
 COMMENCEMENT DATE: Immediately

POSITION CRITERIA

Education/Experience:

- Bachelor degree in a health related field
- Completion of an entry-level infection control course preferred or commitment to complete within twelve months of beginning employment.
- Certification in Infection Control preferred or the commitment to obtain certification within three years of beginning employment.
- Professional Affiliation:
 - Current certificate of competence or licensure
 - Membership in local and national Infection Prevention and Control Associations
- Minimum 5 years related healthcare experience and familiar with patient care services
- Minimum 2 years recent Infection Prevention and Control experience

Skills/Personal Traits:

- Proven demonstration of workplace excellence shown by commitment to strong job performance and attendance
- Must be able to perform all essential duties of position description, which may include the ability to lift and move patients, pushing, pulling, bending and stooping
- Function within the Health and Safety guidelines providing safe and supportive environment for all patients, staff, physicians and volunteers

Responsibilities:

- **Surveillance:** Participate in the systematic collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of health data to assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of infection prevention and control interventions.
- **Consultation:** Support infection prevention and control strategies using the principles of epidemiology.
- **Education:** Collaboration to develop and implement interventions to minimize nosocomial infections and risks including; patient /visitor/staff/volunteer educational tools and participation with orientation/continuing education for all staff, students and volunteers.
- **Quality Improvements:** Participate in continuous quality improvement processed throughout hospital. Identify risk management issues and use results to implement change
- **Research:** Promote the scientific basis of infection control and epidemiology.

Health and Safety Responsibilities:

Adheres to Occupational Health & Safety Policy as follows:

- a) Works in compliance with the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the regulations;
- b) Uses or wears the equipment, protective devices or clothing that the worker's employer requires to be used or worn;
- c) Reports to his/her supervisor the absence of or defect in any equipment or protective device of which the worker is aware and which may endanger himself, herself or another worker; and
- d) Reports to his/her supervisor any contraventions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act or the regulations or the existence of any hazard of which he/she knows

Position Summary:

As a member of the Infection Prevention and Control Program, and supporting the organizations culture of safety, you will provide ongoing expertise, consultation, surveillance, education, research and evaluation of infection prevention and control processes and procedures to departments and programs.

The ICP acts as an excellent resource in infection prevention and control and health promotion, actively collaborates with frontline staff, managers, ancillary support staff, volunteers, medical staff, and external partners.

Infection Prevention and Control is an evolving health care practice requiring commitment to continuous education and knowledge of developing Infection Prevention and Control issues and initiatives.

Customer Service Responsibilities:

Model RVH Core Values: Excellence, Compassion, Collaboration, Accountability, Innovation

1. Acknowledge the person
2. Listen and empathize
3. Clarify the person's needs
4. Meet or exceed the need
5. Confirm satisfaction
6. Take responsibility for action

Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter quoting job posting #201-08-08 by noon on August 23, 2008 to:

Human Resources
 Royal Victoria Hospital
 201 Georgian Drive
 Barrie, ON L4M 6M2

OR

Fax: (705) 739-5616
 Online: www.rvh.on.ca or www.workopolis.com
 (*RVH staff please quote your employee number*)

If interviewed, an accompanying portfolio is required which will include documented evidence of course completion.

Only candidates with whom interviews are requested will be contacted.