

Classification Level P1 – Working Professional

Professional Grouping:

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Professions: *Infection Control Practitioner, Licensing Officer, Public Health Engineer, Public Health Inspector/Environmental Health Officer, Tobacco and Vapour Products Enforcement Officer, Tobacco and Vapour Products Reduction Coordinator*

NATURE OF WORK:

Jobs matched to this profile perform human health risk assessment including inspectional, regulatory, enforcement, and/or infection prevention and control and advisory services within professional scope of practice and established policies, procedures, acts, regulations and standards. These jobs utilize technical and scientific knowledge and proficiency gained through required post-secondary qualifications for the referenced professions. This includes additional specific certifications required to perform the full scope of the job as described by the job description, and within professional scope of practice as determined by the relevant college, accrediting body, professional association.

Illustrative Responsibilities:**Consistent with Professional Scope of Practice performs some or all of the following:**

- Exercises independent judgment in decision making related to inspectional, regulatory, enforcement, and advisory work.
- Performs work in accordance with established standards of practice, Employer policies, and work-related processes, procedures and guidelines, including patient safety and quality protocols.
- Conducts Inspections and investigations; communicates standards, implements control measures and recommends action for non-compliance.
- Assists in the development and implementation of related educational programs; provides advice and consultation and prepares and conducts workshops and lectures for a variety of stakeholders such as students, public, businesses and other practitioners.
- Performs communicable disease follow up for reportable communicable diseases as part of the interdisciplinary team.
- Participates in employer programs and initiatives such as research activities, quality improvement, team conferences, meetings, and the development of new policies, procedures and standards for care/program delivery. Contributes to discussions; reports back on decisions, outcomes and recommendations.
- Utilizes, maintains, and participates in the evaluation of work-related systems, tools, supplies, and equipment in the provision of care/treatment. Gathers, enters, reviews, and maintains patient/client information in health systems. Compiles/prepares reports.
- Provides orientation, guidance, and collegial information or demonstration of equipment or work methods and processes to others including peers, new staff, and students. Provides instruction and/or supervision to students; evaluates and provides feedback on student progress. Provides work direction to support staff.

Additional Profession Specific Details:*Infection Control Practitioner:*

- Work primarily involves activities related to prevention, surveillance and control of infections such as implementation of transmission precaution strategies and investigating and reporting on healthcare acquired infections in order to minimize the risk of infection to patients/residents/clients, staff and visitors. Participates in the development, implementation and evaluation of an infection prevention and control program that is specific to the practice setting, the population served, and the continuum of care
- Applies epidemiological principles and statistical methods, including risk stratification, to identify target populations, analyzes trends and risk factors, and designs and evaluates prevention and control strategies.

Licensing Officer:

- Performs inspectional, regulatory and advisory work involving the licensing and inspection of child care and residential care facilities within a health authority's jurisdiction; inspects and assesses new and existing community care facilities and programs to ensure compliance with acts and regulations; reviews, evaluates, and processes licensing applications and requests for exemptions and variances within requirements of applicable acts, regulations, and established procedures; investigates complaints and contraventions to acts and regulations; investigates reportable incidents in facilities. Provides information, guidance, and consultation to facility operators, the public and others on related matters and interprets, explains and ensures that applicable requirements of the act and regulations are enforced to promote the health, safety and well-being of children and vulnerable adults in care.

Public Health Engineer:

- Work primarily involves the application of Public Health Engineering practice for the review and approval of plans and the preparation and issuance of certificates of approval permitting construction of facilities such as waterworks and swimming pools pursuant to the Health Act as delegated by the Medical Health Officer. Conducts inspections of industrial operations, municipal water and wastewater infrastructure and develops monitoring programs.
- Acts as a Drinking Water Officer pursuant to the Drinking Water Protection Act and Regulations; reviews and assess package sewage treatment plants, prefabricated septic tanks, sewage and effluent pipe and any other related device, appurtenance or product. Collaborates with and monitors private consultants, professional engineers and architects to ensure compliance with policies, regulations and specifics; analyzes and resolves Public Health Engineering problems and related issues; provides engineering expertise, advice and guidance to Medical Health Officers, Public Health Inspectors, other agencies and the public on matters pertaining to environmental health issues such as pollution control; researches, develops and administers environmental legislation.

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Public Health Inspector/Environmental Health Officer:

- Work primarily involves inspection, investigation, and assessment of a variety of facilities, premises, and other settings to ensure compliance with licensing, environmental health practices and public health acts, policies, procedures, standards and regulations; coordinates inspections, investigations, communications; responds to complaints; identifies infractions, prepares reports/risk assessments; and issues directives/warnings/tickets/orders. Implements control measures; and recommends action for non-compliance.
- Collects evidence, initiates and presents arguments on behalf of the employer in prosecutions and appears as a witness in court; and provides technical assessments of plans, proposals, submissions and project sites.
- Obtains samples of potentially contaminated/hazardous/infectious materials and refer for testing; tests water, soil, food or other material using testing equipment tools. Reviews and notifies appropriate stakeholders of results. Identifies and provides public health information to at-risk populations and communities.
- Works with local and regional governments and agencies to make recommendations and strategies regarding overall population health.

Tobacco and Vapour Products Enforcement Officer:

- Works primarily involves implementing a program of education and enforcement of the Provincial Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act and Regulations, the Federal Tobacco Act and Regulations and/or other related regulations as required. Identifies all retailers of tobacco and vapour products and conducts inspections, checks, surveys and surveillance at various sites/locations within the region to gauge compliance with applicable tobacco control legislation; issues directives, warning letters and violation tickets, and attends court to ensure compliance when education fails.

Tobacco and Vapour Products Reduction Coordinator:

- Work primarily involves implementation of educational, health promotion and prevention programs aimed at preventing tobacco and vapour use; supporting users to quit and; reducing exposure to second hand smoke.