



Job Description Form



Community | Compassion | Quality



Integrity | Equity | Curiosity

Position Title

Registrar – Trainee – Public Health

Position number:

616553

**WA Country Health Service
Health Programs Division**

**WA Country Health Service
South West**

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The Health Programs Division oversees a range of programs across WA Country Health Service to ensure high quality care and service provision at an individual, community and population level. The Division promotes wellness across the life course and comprises teams focussing on Aboriginal health, allied health, care of the older person, kidney care and population health.

About the WA Country Health Service

Our Strategic Priorities



Our Values

Community

We live and work in country communities. We are invested in the health, wellness and viability of country communities and the vibrancy, diversity and future of country WA.

Compassion

We are inclusive, respectful, and considerate. We care deeply about the people in our care and country communities.

Quality

We provide safe, high-quality care, constantly striving to innovate, improve and achieve trust in our care.

Integrity

We bring honesty, collaboration and professionalism to everything that we do.

Equity

We are passionate about fairness in healthcare for all Western Australians, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities.

Curiosity

We continually enquire and seek to understand, using the best evidence, insight and research to improve care.

Our Vision

To be a global leader in rural and remote healthcare.

Our Mission

To deliver and advance high quality care for country WA communities.

Population Health Directorate overview

The WACHS Population Health Directorate develops and implements key strategic directions for country health services that address public health concerns, promote a better start to life for children and young people; and improve prevention and management of chronic conditions.

Our Directorate actively supports and encourages diversity and inclusion across all occupational groups through the development and implementation of initiatives aimed at accessing and improving employment and mentoring opportunities for all people. Our strategies are located at www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au

Position Details

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| Position Number: | 616553 | Registration Date: | 14/10/2021 |
| Classification: | MP Level 1-7 | Location: | Central Office |
| Award / Agreement: | WA Health System – Medical Practitioner – AMA Agreement | | |
| Organisational Context: | Health Programs, Population Health | | |

Position Overview

To work under the supervision of a Public Health Physician and within a multi-disciplinary team to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge required of a Public Health Physician for admission to the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM).

Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of public health programs in WACHS South West.

Reporting Relationships

Responsible to:
Director Public Health Medicine
Level:Consultant
Position Number: 615882



This position:
Registrar – Trainee – Public Health



Positions under direct supervision:
Nil

Other positions reporting to this position:

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Key Duties/Responsibilities

1. Disease Control

- 1.1. Works with the Public Health Physician and Communicable Disease Control Directorate to develop and support projects in disease control and immunisation that are consistent with the WACHS public health strategy.
- 1.2. Works with regional public health team in communicable disease surveillance, screening programs and managing disease outbreaks.
- 1.3. Liaises with hospital clinicians, general practitioners and Aboriginal community controlled health services to prevent and control communicable and vaccine preventable disease.
- 1.4. Works with the regional sexual health team and others to promote sexual health and reduce the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STI's). Undertakes counselling, testing and treatment of people with STI's where required.
- 1.5. Utilises notifiable disease database and analyses data to report on trends.
- 1.6. Provides education for general practice, other health staff and community based organisations in relation to public health issues such as immunisation and disease control.

2. Environmental Health

- 2.1. Works in partnership with the public health physician and other relevant authorities to develop skills in understanding and managing vector borne disease.
- 2.2. Works in partnership with the public health physician and other relevant authorities to develop skills in understanding the management of food borne disease outbreaks.
- 2.3. Liaises with the Environmental Health Directorate and other authorities including local government officers to ensure a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities including statutory requirements, principles of risk communication and risk assessment.
- 2.4. Works in partnership with the public health physician and other relevant authorities in the management of environmental health issues.
- 2.5. In partnership with the public health physician, liaises with Environmental Health Directorate, local government, communities and other organisations to improve and manage environment health conditions in Aboriginal communities with specific emphasis on the primordial prevention of trachoma, rheumatic heart disease, otitis media, renal and skin disease.

3. Planning and Epidemiology

- 3.1. Collects enters, and analyses quantitative and qualitative data as requested.
- 3.2. Produces demographic and descriptive reports where required.
- 3.3. Evaluates relevant public health interventions and/or projects under guidance of the public health physician.
- 3.4. Develops health-related policy in conjunction with other public health staff and relevant stakeholders.
- 3.5. Participates in planning and management meetings as appropriate.
- 3.6. Participates in multi-disciplinary teams to plan, implement and evaluate population health programs.
- 3.7. Contributes to pandemic preparedness planning and outbreak management at regional and Statewide levels.

4. Health Promotion

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- 4.1. Works with health promotion staff to plan, implement and evaluate health promotion programs with a focus on disadvantaged or at-risk groups in minimizing harm and promoting healthier alternatives.
- 4.2. Works with health service staff, GPs and staff from non-government organisations to manage the prevention, surveillance and control of non-communicable diseases, injury, and conditions resulting from exposure to harmful levels of tobacco, drugs and alcohol.

5. Chronic Disease

- 5.1. Evaluates epidemiology and disease risk factors and in conjunction with health promotion and community health staff, and Aboriginal community controlled health services.
- 5.2. Evaluates or assists in the design of interventions to prevent or mitigate chronic disease in the Southwest with particular attention to Aboriginal health.

6. Other

- 6.1. Assists in agreed peer, professional practice and clinical service review.
- 6.2. Reviews agreed services and programs to enhance evidence based practices and to inform primary health care service development.
- 6.3. Other duties as required.

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Work Related Requirements

The following criteria are to be read together with the Brief Summary of Duties and considered in the context of the WACHS Values.

Essential

1. Eligible to enrol as an Advanced Trainee in the Australian Faculty of Public Health Medicine.
2. Full medical registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
3. At least 3 years post- graduate medical experience.
4. Completed Master of Public Health or equivalent
5. Demonstrated high level oral and written communication skills.
6. Demonstrated experience and ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
7. Demonstrated ability to manage own workload, ensuring delivery of agreed outcomes.
8. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of cultural issues and social determinants particularly relating to Aboriginal Health.

Desirable

1. Experience in communicable disease control.
2. Experience in epidemiology/health research.
3. Experience in community-based health settings.
4. Current knowledge and commitment to Equal Opportunity, Disability Services and Occupational Safety and Health in all aspects of employment and service delivery.

Appointment Pre-requisites

Appointment is subject to:

- Evidence of registration with the Medical Board of Australia
- Provision of the minimum identity proofing requirements
- Successful Criminal Record Screening clearance
- Successful Pre-Employment Health Assessment
- Successful WA Health Integrity Check
- Successful Working With Children Check
- Completion of training for Mandatory Reporting Of Child Sexual Abuse
- Evidence of a current C or C-A Class drivers licence.

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