ABOUT THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

In the County of Riverside, the future is bright. With a variety of job opportunities with the County, there are as many places to take your career as there are stars in our sky. But there's more than a great vocation to draw you here: with affordable housing, a thriving, diverse, and progressive community, excellent higher education, and the hidden gem of the Joshua Tree National Park, the opportunities for your life here are equally exciting. Come work in the heart of inland California, and see how great the view is when opportunity is on the horizon.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The County of Riverside Department of Public Health's (DOPH) vision is to excel at building healthy communities and its mission is to promote and protect the health of all county residents and visitors. To accomplish this mission, DOPH oversees fourteen (14) Branches and administers more than thirty (30) programs. All programs, services and activities are organized around the 10 Essential Services of Public Health. DOPH works in partnership and in many cases under contract with other County Departments including Environmental Health, Animal Services, Mental Health, Public Social Services, Office on Aging and the Health Care System to prevent disease and protect the health of County residents.

DEPARTMENT DETAILS

The mission of the Public Health Laboratory is to provide accurate, timely, and cost effective laboratory testing to aid in the diagnosis and control of communicable diseases.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Under general supervision, to conduct and interpret the full range of complex microbiological tests in the field of communicable disease and environmental sanitation; to assist in the training of other laboratory personnel; and to perform other work as required.

The Public Health Microbiologist II is the fully qualified journey level class of this series. This class is responsible for the full range of laboratory procedures of above average difficulty using more complex procedures and gains a technical knowledge within an assigned area of specialization. This class differs from the Public Health Microbiologist I in that the latter performs standardized tests of average difficulty using well defined procedures while developing the experience to perform at the fully qualified level. The Public Health Microbiologist II is distinguished from the Supervising Public Health Microbiologist in that the latter coordinates day-to-day operation of the lab and has full supervision of professional and technical staff and their work.
EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Performs more difficult microbiological and chemical tests using complex techniques and procedures; under direction may evaluate existing laboratory procedures for efficiency and effectiveness.

Under direction may assist in conducting and maintaining an ongoing program for controlling the quality of test performance.

Under direction may serve as a technical consultant and resource person in the interpretation of test results and the proper methods of specimen collection.

Maintains laboratory equipment and assists in recommending and ordering of new supplies, equipment and materials; enters data into computer terminal; assists in the training of other laboratory microbiologist and technicians.

RECRUITING GUIDELINES

MICROBIOLOGIST I: Six months of experience equivalent to a Public Health Microbiologist Trainee with Riverside County.

License/Certificate: Possession of a valid Public Health Microbiologist's Certificate issued by the California Department of Health Services or possess a letter from the State of California Department of Health Services validating you passed the certification examination and are pending receipt of the Public Health Microbiologist Certificate.

MICROBIOLOGIST II: Experience: One year as a certified public health microbiologist in a public health or medical laboratory. (A Master's degree or a Doctorate degree from an accredited college in microbiology, immunology, serology, bacteriology, virology, or public health with a specialization in laboratory science may be substituted for 6 months of the required experience.)


Knowledge of: Bacteriological, seriological, mycological, parasitological, biological, and other microbiological principles; techniques, equipment, and terminology used in laboratory diagnosis of disease and abnormal conditions; bacteriological principles, techniques, and terminology used in the examination of food and water; causes and modes of transmission of communicable disease; laboratory hazards and proper safety precautions and procedures; current trends and concepts in public health microbiology; the laws, regulations, and standards pertaining to public health laboratories; methods and procedures for identifying antigens and antibodies in body fluids; quality control techniques for laboratory tests; operation and care of laboratory equipment.

Ability to: Perform the full range of public health laboratory tests and examinations of above average difficulty; analyze situations accurately and take effective action; maintain proper laboratory health and safety precautions and procedures; prepare clear and concise reports and maintain records; maintain effective working relationships with others.

PAY, BENEFITS, & WORK SCHEDULE  Visit the Job Descriptions page at http://rc-hr.com/Careers/JobDescriptions.aspx for benefits information. Detailed job descriptions and benefits information are provided for all of the County of Riverside's job classifications.
GENERAL INFORMATION

For specific questions regarding this position, contact the recruiter listed in this posting.

All employment offers are contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam, including a drug/alcohol test, and a criminal background investigation, including fingerprinting. (A felony or misdemeanor conviction related to the position may disqualify the applicant from County employment).

Required Probationary Period - As an Approved Local Merit System, the County of Riverside requires all new regular or seasonal employees to serve an initial probationary period, the duration of which is indicated in the applicable Memorandum of Understanding, County Resolution, or Salary Ordinance. Temporary and Per Diem employees serve at the pleasure of the agency/department head.

The County of Riverside is an Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the policy of the County of Riverside to provide employment opportunity for all qualified persons. All applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, ancestry, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), genetic information, or denial of medical and family care leave, or any other non job-related factor.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS: The County of Riverside is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to applicants as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). Qualified individuals with disabilities who need a reasonable accommodation during the application or selection process should contact the recruiter listed on the job posting. For additional information and/or to obtain the appropriate form for requesting a reasonable accommodation, please visit the Disability Access Office web page located at:  http://dao.rc-hr.com/.

TO APPLY: Go to Human Resources Job Gateway. You must Login to access a complete listing of current openings or Register Now if this is your first time to this site. Visit www.rc-hr.com for more information.

APPLICATION PERIOD: The preliminary closing date for this posting is Wednesday, August 20, 2015; 11:59 PST, however postings may close at any time. Applications received prior to the closing date will be considered based on the information submitted. Changes or alterations cannot be accepted. No late applications will be permitted. BASED ON THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, THIS POSTING MAY CLOSE WITHOUT NOTICE.

For specific questions regarding this position, contact Carmen Posey at 951-358-3965 or cposey@rc-hr.com.

Job Gateway Applicant Workshops are available. These training sessions are for both County of Riverside employees and the public. The training class schedule can be found here Job Gateway Applicant Workshop Schedule. An appointment is required to attend. To schedule your appointment email Recruiting@rc-hr.com. Please include the date and session time you would like to attend.