



# ***AACN/CDC Public Health Fellowship Announcement- Fall 2014***



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**Fall 2014 Fellowship Opportunity AACN/CDC  
Public Health Fellowship Program  
Announcement**

**Position Number: 02-118DSLRF14**

**Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response/DIVISION OF STATE AND LOCAL  
READINESS**

**Fellowship Title:** Medical Countermeasure Program Development Nurse Fellow

**Project Focus Area:** Public health preparedness, focusing on medical counter measures for health security.

**Center Background and Objectives:**

The CDC Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response/Division of State and Local Readiness is responsible for administering the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement to 62 awardees (50 states, 4 directly funded localities, territories and freely associated states). The responsibility for operational planning for the distribution and dispensing of medical countermeasures is a critical part of the health security strategy for a biological event, pandemic influenza or other event in which a large-scale medical countermeasure campaign is required. <http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/stockpile/stockpile.htm>  
<http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/coopagreement.htm>.

**Project Description:**

The nurse fellow's project will support development of an operational readiness assessment tool. Related activities include:

- Fellow will assist in the development and implementation of a pilot test of the tool to ensure quality, and analyze and interpret test results to finalize the product.
- The fellow will also assist staff in collaborations and interactions with partner divisions within CDC as well as with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and the National Association of City and County Health Officials towards enhancing state and local planning by providing technical assistance to PHEP awardees.
- The nurse fellow may interact with the funded awardees to assist them in implementation of the new operational readiness assessment tool, by promoting their understanding of it and guiding them on appropriate use.
- Technical assistance from the mentor, and the Sr. medical countermeasure program coordinator, will include working closely with the fellow on a multi-step process for developing an operational readiness assessment tool. The Sr. medical countermeasure program coordinator will provide ongoing support to the fellow for garnering internal and external input on developing the tool (e.g., weekly meetings and guidance on

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processes previously used to work collaboratively with other CDC divisions and external partners); and, providing support, guidance, and mentoring on how to interact with project officers and the funded states to ensure timely and thorough technical assistance. The mentor will provide strategic guidance as well as career mentoring to the fellow.

- Activities will include significant experiential learning opportunities and the fellow will be a contributing member of a dynamic cross-cutting team of public health professionals.

**Desired Knowledge and Skills:**

Excellent interpersonal and communication skills; clinical or public health experience would be preferred but not required.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible for this program, applicants must have received their Doctor of Nursing Practice prior to the beginning of the fellowship (no later than August 1, 2014) or within the last five years (no earlier than August 1, 2009). Fellows need to be graduates of an accredited nursing program in order to be eligible for this fellowship. Program accreditation can be granted by CCNE, ACEN, or both.

**Expected Benefits:**

Fellow will develop an understanding of public health's role at the federal, state and local levels as well as developing and accessing operational plans for a public health response. CDC and the general public will benefit from the fellow's education and previous experiences as medical countermeasure products are collaboratively developed and technical assistance provided to the 62 awardees of the PHEP Cooperative Agreement.

**Period of Assignment:**

The term of each fellowship is 12 months, with an option to renew for an additional 12 months subject to the availability of funding. The assignment is expected to start August 1, 2014.

**Location:**

Fellowship opportunity is located at a CDC headquarters in Atlanta, GA. Selected fellows are required to relocate to the fellowship location. Fellows may want to devote at least one week before the fellowship to settling in since the first several weeks are busy with training and orientation. Relocation costs are the responsibility of the Fellow and are not reimbursable.

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**Funds Available:**

The stipend level for the one year fellowship position is \$49,851. In addition to the fellowship stipend, fellows will have access to a \$4,000 “fellowship allowance” that is intended to help cover health/dental/vision insurance premiums during the one year fellowship period. In addition, fellows will have access to a \$3,000 “travel/training allowance” that may be used to cover project-related travel for assignments or professional conferences and seminars. Please note only one fellowship position is being offered.

**Review and Final Selection:**

Beginning in February, an evaluation panel will begin the review of the applications. Applicants may be contacted by the Fellowship Coordinator for additional information and/or clarification of information relevant to the application. The final selection will be made by April 28, 2014. The applicant chosen will be immediately notified by phone and email.

**Application Instructions:**

Applications are to be completed online through the AACN Online Application System via Formstack at:

<http://www.formstack.com/forms/aacn-public-health-fellowship-program-application>

To begin your online application, please copy and paste the link above into your Web browser. To complete the online application, you will need the following:

- Resume/CV (saved as a PDF File)
- Transcripts of DNP (2 copies: one submitted online & one official copy sent in sealed envelope)
- 2 letters of recommendation (saved as PDF File)
- 1 essay of 1,000 words or less (saved as PDF File)  
\*essay topic is posted on the online application

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**Hardcopy Documents:**

- Official Graduate Transcripts-This will need to be in a sealed envelope issued by your school.

Send to:

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**Due Dates:**

**Online applications** must be submitted no later than midnight on:

**Friday, February 7, 2014**

**Hardcopy Documents** must be received by AACN by 5:00pm (Eastern) on:

**Monday, February 10, 2013**

If all hard copy documents have not been received by AACN by February 10, your application will be considered incomplete, and therefore will not be reviewed.

**For further information please contact:**

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