



***AACN/CDC Public Health Fellowship
Announcement:***

**Managing Chronic Conditions in Schools
*Winter 2015***



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Position Number: 03-118DPHSHBWI15

**National Center for Chronic Disease and Health Promotion/Division of Population Health,
School Health Branch**

Fellowship Title: Managing Chronic Conditions in Schools Nurse Fellow

Project Focus Area: This project will focus on school-based management of chronic conditions.

Center Background and Objectives:

The Division of Population Health (DPH) is located within the National Center for Chronic Disease and Health Promotion. The mission of DPH's School Health Branch is to promote the health and well-being of children and adolescents to enable them to become healthy and productive adults. The branch develops and disseminates tools and resources, such as School Health Guidelines to Promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activity in Schools, and also conducts analysis and reporting of health risk behaviors and school health policies and programs. In addition, the branch supports state, local, territorial, and tribal education and health agencies, large urban school districts, and national organizations to help schools implement school health programs that emphasize physical activity and quality physical education; healthy eating and childhood obesity prevention; tobacco-free lifestyle; and asthma management. A growing area of work for DPH is providing support to health departments and schools on strategies to most effectively manage chronic conditions (e.g., food allergies, obesity, diabetes, asthma) in school settings. The School Health Branch works in partnership with many national organizations influencing and advancing strategies to improve the health of the nation.

Project Description:

The School Health Branch funds state agencies and collaborates with them on school-based management of chronic conditions under the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) "State Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health CDC-RFA-DP13-1305". The nurse fellow's project will support achievement of the required milestones and performance measures specific to the management of chronic conditions in schools as outlined in the FOA, working closely with CDC project officers, evaluation experts, and scientific experts from the branch. Specifically, the nurse fellow will contribute to the completion of a comprehensive, systematic literature review. Upon completion and publication of the systematic review, the nurse fellow will develop a plan for translation of the results (e.g. fact sheets, tip sheets) that will provide funded partners and other school health professionals with evidence-based information in a short, user-friendly format. A second project that the nurse fellow will lead is a translation and communication document that outlines: 1) the evidence on the

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relationship between chronic conditions and academic achievement, and 2) strategies schools can use to support the academic success of students with chronic conditions.

Additionally, the nurse fellow will interact with the funded states to assist them in implementation of the findings from the systematic review by promoting their understanding of the results and how they can be applied in school district and school settings. The nurse fellow will also provide a broad range of technical assistance to the funded partners, specifically on strategies to support students with the management of chronic conditions.

Required or Desired Knowledge and Skills:

Desired qualifications include: 1.) knowledge and experience in implementing school-based health services, 2.) knowledge and experience in managing chronic conditions in pediatric and/or adolescent populations, and 3.) experience in conducting literature searches and literature reviews using a variety of scientific, health, and education databases.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for this program, applicants must have received their Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) prior to the beginning of the fellowship (no later than January 1, 2015) or within the last five years (no earlier than January 1, 2010). 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:

Benefits the fellow will receive during the fellowship process include: engaging with a network of professionals within and outside of CDC; building leadership skills in school health services; working closely with, and receiving mentorship from other subject matter experts; interacting with new funded partners in the school health cooperative agreement.

Period of Assignment:

The term of each fellowship is typically 2 years, depending on the availability of funds which are awarded one year at a time. The assignment is expected to start January 15, 2015.

Location:

Fellowship opportunity is located at a CDC headquarters in Atlanta, GA. The selected fellow will be 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

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orientation. Relocation costs are the responsibility of the Fellow and are not reimbursable.

Funds Available:

The stipend level for the one-year fellowship position is \$44,890. 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.

Review and Final Selection:

Beginning in October, 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 November 17, 2014. The successful applicant will be 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 (official electronic copy submitted online or 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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Send documents to:
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Due Dates:

Online applications must be submitted no later than 5pm on:

Friday, October 17, 2014

Transcripts must be received by AACN by 5:00pm (ET) on:

Monday, October 20, 2014

If all hard copy documents have not been received by AACN by October 20, your application will be considered incomplete, and therefore will not be reviewed.

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