

BUSINESS UNIT: NICD
DISCIPLINE: CENTRE FOR RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND MENINGITIS
LOCATION: SANDRINGHAM
POSITION: MEDICAL SCIENTIST (FIXED TERM CONTRACT 12 MONTHS)
PAY GRADE: MSE
REFERENCE NUMBER: NICDCDC0720/001-05

To apply specialised knowledge to perform tests for diagnosis and surveillance of diseases and pathogens and to be concerned with basic and applied research in line with the strategic objectives of the centre, in order to improve knowledge and provide conceptual thinking and understanding of health related issues.

Key Job Responsibilities

■ Perform appropriate tests and improve existing laboratory tests in order to optimize and enhance the provision of diagnostic and surveillance services ■ Apply specialized knowledge in order to diagnose disorders, diseases and pathogens and when necessary provide consultation so that appropriate treatment or control methods can be provided/implemented ■ Assist in troubleshooting of routine tests in order to solve problems timeously and to avoid unnecessary delays in provision of test results ■ Contribute to total quality management of the laboratory to ensure accurate and reliable results ■ Conduct relevant research (basic and applied) that promotes departmental interests in order to gain new knowledge and improve understanding in line with the NICD's goal of becoming a world-class public health institute and research organization.

Minimum Requirements and Key Competencies

■ BSc Honours in Medical Science or relevant field ■ Registration with HPCSA as a Medical Scientist (Microbiology/Molecular Biology) (desirable) ■ One (1) year experience in a diagnostic or research laboratory ■ Adherence to quality management principles in the laboratory ■ Method validation ■ Research methodology ■ Scientific writing skills ■ Specific laboratory techniques especially molecular techniques e.g. molecular, nucleic acid extraction, PCR, sequencing ■ Computer literacy ■ Communication skills (verbal and written) ■ Troubleshooting skills ■ Good interpersonal skills and able to work in a team ■ Data management, analysis and interpretation skills ■ Attention to detail ■ Able to work under pressure ■ Flexibility to work after hours, public holidays and weekends.

This post will require that the potential candidates go through a competency assessment as part of the selection process.

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