

**DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST**

**Class Code: 509**

**Range: E/20**

**Definition:** Under direction, to perform a variety of responsible professional tasks related to the identification, investigation, and treatment of individuals with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs); to identify and implement appropriate interventions to aid in the prevention and reduction in the incidence of STDs within the community.

**Distinguishing Features:** This is a professional journey level class. Employees in this classification work with broad policies and procedures in designing and implementing prevention programs. Work requires the ability to apply functional knowledge to address a variety of situations. The employee receives general instructions regarding the scope of and approach to projects or assignments, but procedures and techniques are left to the discretion of the employee.

**Examples of Essential Position Duties:**

*The following duties represent the principal job duties, however, they are not all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.*

- C Conduct epidemiological investigations.
- C Contact laboratories and medical providers to present general information and encourage compliance with public health rules; establish that STD patients are informed and treated; suggest treatment plans; help to interpret lab results.
- C Locate untreated patients who fail to respond to private provider follow-up; contact and counsel patients to inform of the nature of the infection, concerning test results, treatment options and prevention strategies; establish compliance with therapy and through appropriate follow-up.
- C Compile and provide statistical data on disease trends for local and state officials.
- C Use available medical resources to locate others who may have been exposed to STDs; contact and inform them of their possible exposure; explain the nature of the disease(s) and options; ensure they receive appropriate evaluation and treatment.
- C Maintain accurate and confidential records of intervention activities.
- C Explain public health rules and agency policies and procedures to public and private medical communities; respond to public and staff inquiries concerning the incidence, transmittal, treatment and prevention of STDs.
- C Design and conduct in service training for professional groups, community and schools.
- C Compile statistical data and prepare reports on the incidence of STDs as required.
- C Test patients for STDs; analyze/interpret lab results; prepare specimens for shipment.
- C Conduct routine physical examinations of male patients for evidence of STDs.

**Auxiliary Duties:**

*The following duties represent duties that are generally performed by this position, but are not considered the principal job duties.*

- C Stock and maintain inventories of STD medications; dispense to outlying clinics.
- C Prepare patient charts; record and route lab results; update progress notes; make written requests for patient records and related reports.
- C Perform related duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

**Minimum Qualifications:** Requires a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in microbiology, social sciences, or related field. Two years of work related experience.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:** Knowledge of medical terminology, virology, bacteriology, and disease processes; and risk factors associated with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs); familiarity with medical tests for establishing the presence of STDs; counseling methods and interview/intervention techniques and prevention measures. Ability to use a microscope, draw blood, and conduct preliminary tests for STDs; accurately read and interpret test results, lab reports and medical records; maintain confidentiality of patient information and records; determine when to refer patients to a clinic on an emergency or routine basis; use small hand tools to maintain lab equipment; and operate a computer and other office equipment to prepare correspondence and reports; ascertain and evaluate facts and make sound decisions for treatment and follow-up actions; work with people from a variety of backgrounds and conditions; establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work; make oral presentations; explain policies and procedures.

**Special Requirements:** *Performance of the essential duties of this position includes the following physical demands and/or working conditions.*

Requires the ability to exert a small amount of physical effort in sedentary to light work involving moving from one area of the office to another; some positions require sufficient hand/eye coordination to perform semi-skilled repetitive movements, such as typing, filing, data entry, and/or use of calculators, ten-key adding machine, or other office or medical equipment or supplies.

**License or Certificate:** Must possess and maintain a valid, appropriate Oregon driver's license and a good driving record.