



Fellowship Name: Public Health Region 11 Communicable Diseases Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Texas Department of State Health Services

Host Site Division/Program: Regional and Local Health Operations; PHR 11 HIV STD

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 601 West Sesame Drive, Harlingen, Texas 78550

Host Site Workplace Setting: Combination of onsite and virtual

Workplace Setting Description: Hybrid. After 6 months, the Fellow is eligible to work remotely twice a week based on office coverage.

Public Health Core Disciplines: Epidemiology Social and Behavioral Sciences

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Infectious Diseases Disease Surveillance

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission

Our mission is to prevent, treat, and/or control the spread of HIV, STD, and other communicable diseases to protect the health of the citizens of Texas. Provide HIV/STD education and information; collect, interpret, and distribute data relating to HIV and STDs; provide guidance to those who oversee, plan for, or provide HIV and STD services; and provide medication and supplies to prevent, manage, and treat communicable diseases.

Fellowship Projects

Disease surveillance and shadowing Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) in the field.

Fellowship Deliverables

This fellowship is continuing education for disease surveillance, investigations, and intervention.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities

- Manage Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR), Lab Ware, and MAVEN/TB, HIV, & STD Integrated System (THISIS) in PHR-11
- Receive, process, disseminate and input laboratory reactor reports for HIV/STDs.
- Conduct quality assurance review of STD morbidity THISIS system, identify reporting lapses, accuracy and compliance with reporting regulations.
- Develop and implement a corrective action plan for laboratories, hospitals, private providers, and clinics.
- Provide technical assistance to local health departments, physicians, and infection control practitioners regarding HIV/STD, AIDS reporting laws and definitions, form completion, and reporting procedures.
- Monitor surveillance activities through monthly contact with reporting sources.
- Perform special investigation functions, review data and prepare special investigation reports.
- Coordinate/conduct health care provider and laboratory visits and training.
- Assist with HIV/AIDS and STD data gathering and analysis by reviewing medical charts and reports.
- Enter all reportable STD/HIV morbidity, initiate field records for DIS follow-up and/or contact provider/physicians to verify disease diagnosis and treatment.
- Maintains confidential medical information and submits regional morbidity to State HIV/STD surveillance.
- Develop, implement, and evaluate systems to track/improve Laboratory Reactor program.

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: Tier 1, \$46,000

All fellows will be eligible for DSHS employee [benefits](#) including [health insurance](#) and leave.

Travel

Percent Travel: 10%

Travel Description: Travel to shadow DIS, to providers and some trainings.

Required Applicant Qualifications

(The following qualifications are REQUIRED. Do NOT apply to this position unless you currently meet or plan to meet these requirements by the start of the Fellowship, June 1, 2025.)

Required certification/license:

No requirement

Ability to Speak in Spanish:

Good: Fellow can speak well enough to participate in most conversations. Native speakers notice some errors in the Fellow's speech or understanding, but the errors rarely cause misunderstanding.

Ability to Write in Spanish:

Fair: Fellow can write and understand written language well enough to communicate about current events, work, family, or personal life.

Preferred Educational Qualifications

(The following preferences are guidelines provided by the Host Site. These are NOT requirements. Host Sites prefer that applicants have completed or are currently working toward these.)

Preferred Level of Education: Bachelor's Degree

Preferred Specialized and Technical Skills

(The following skills will be a focus during this Fellowship position. If you have or are interested in developing data analysis skills or building technical skills in the software listed below, this could be a good Fellowship position for you.)

Data Analysis Skills:

No Preference

Statistical Software Skills:

No Preference

Statistical Software:

N/A

Other Software:

Excel, Word, Outlook