

2025-26 Texas Public Health Fellowship



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Texas Department of State
Health Services

Fellowship Name: Public Health Region 8 HIV/STD Prevention Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Texas Department of State Health Services

Host Site Division/Program: Regional and Local Health Operations; PHR 8 HIV/STD

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 7430 Louis Pasteur Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78229

Host Site Workplace Setting: 100% onsite/in-person

Workplace Setting Description: N/A

Public Health Core Disciplines: Social and Behavioral Sciences Epidemiology

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Infectious Diseases Disease Surveillance

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission

To prevent the spread of HIV & STDs among all individuals within Public Health Region (PHR) 8 through testing, treatment, and education.

Fellowship Projects

The fellow will work on communicable disease investigation and intervention specifically with syphilis and HIV morbidity; Correctional facility HIV/STD testing and treatment coordination HIV/STD Surveillance tracking and monitoring; Risk reduction education, disease education, & linkage to care for HIV+ clients; Congenital syphilis prevention, treatment coordination, and investigation to include contact tracing; Gonorrhea and chlamydia during pregnancy prevention, treatment monitoring, and investigation to include contact tracing.

Fellowship Deliverables

Complete quarterly testing coordination within regional county correctional facilities. Learn all aspects of public health follow up to include surveillance and investigation. The fellow will conduct at minimum 1-2 public health investigations monthly for syphilis, gonorrhea, or chlamydia for pregnant patients or women of childbearing age without confirmed treatment and conduct contract tracing/ partner elicitation. Fellow will conduct field visits to local correctional facilities for specimen collection and investigation. The fellow will submit documentation to include: public health interviews, investigation results, risk reduction, disease education, treatment adequacy, and linkage to care if required for HIV+ patients and submit investigations for closure in accordance with programmatic requirements.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities

- Conduct phlebotomy and specimen collection, handling, and shipment.
- Learn adequate treatment for STI's in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Conduct patient interviews to evaluate potential exposures and contacts (contact tracing).
- Conduct testing and refer patients for treatment/administer in accordance with agency policies and procedures.
- Data entry of lab results.
- Provide provider education on appropriate testing algorithms and treatment in accordance with CDC treatment guidelines.
- Follow programmatic standing delegation orders.
- Track program data and complete analysis.

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: Tier 2, \$56,000

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

Travel

Percent Travel: 70%

Travel Description: Day travel only. The fellow will be provided a vehicle to travel within the region to meet with clients for field investigation, interviewing, and specimen collection.

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:

Driver's License

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.)

Preference for phlebotomy certification

Preference for LVN

Preference for Spanish speaker

Data Analysis Skills:

Basic Skills: has some awareness or knowledge of Data Analysis

Statistical Software Skills:

No Preference

Statistical Software:

N/A

Other Software:

Microsoft Office