



Job Description Form



GOLDFIELDS

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Position Title

Position number: 616338

Registrar – Service – Public Health Medicine

Regional Overview

The Goldfields region of the WA Country Health Service covers the Goldfields-Esperance Region of Western Australia. The region is located in the south eastern corner of Western Australia and covers 770,488 sq km (including offshore islands). The WA Country Health Service Goldfields consists of two main health campuses located in Kalgoorlie & Esperance, and three smaller hospitals located in Laverton, Leonora and Norseman. The Goldfields is a culturally rich region with a number of Aboriginal communities spread out across the region, 16 distinct Aboriginal language groups and an Aboriginal population that represents 12.3 per cent of our total population, with 1 in 10 people, on average, identifying as Aboriginal – this in comparison to the state average of 3.6 per cent. The region supports a wide range of industry, including mining, agriculture, aquaculture and tourism. Mining is the predominant sector in the central and northern parts of the region, with a well-established agricultural sector in the south.

About the WA Country Health Service

Our Strategic Priorities



Our Values

Community

We live and work in country communities. We are invested in the health, wellness and viability of country communities and the vibrancy, diversity and future of country WA.

Compassion

We are inclusive, respectful, and considerate. We care deeply about the people in our care and country communities.

Quality

We provide safe, high-quality care, constantly striving to innovate, improve and achieve trust in our care.

Integrity

We bring honesty, collaboration and professionalism to everything that we do.

Equity

We are passionate about fairness in healthcare for all Western Australians, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities.

Curiosity

We continually enquire and seek to understand, using the best evidence, insight and research to improve care.

Our Vision

To be a global leader in rural and remote healthcare.

Our Mission

To deliver and advance high quality care for country WA communities.

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Directorate Overview

Provides a range of community-based health services across the region. This multidisciplinary service includes: Allied Health, Community Health, Health Promotion and Public Health teams. These teams work in partnership with other WACHS departments and external service providers to deliver services across the entire continuum of care that aim to improve equity and access to health.

Our Directorate actively supports and encourages diversity and inclusion across all occupational groups through the development and implementation of initiatives aimed at accessing and improving employment and mentoring opportunities for all people. Our strategies are located at www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au

Position Details

Position Number:	616338	Registration Date:	September 2024
Classification:	MP Year 1 - 7	Location:	Kalgoorlie
Award / Agreement:	Medical Practitioners Agreement		
Organisational Context:	Regional		

Position Overview

To work under the supervision of a Public Health Physician and within a multi-disciplinary team to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge required of a Public Health Physician for admission to the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHEM). Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of public health programs in WACHS Goldfields with a focus on the health issues as experienced by Aboriginal people in the region.

Reporting Relationships

Responsible to:

607971: Consultant – Public Health Medicine



This position:

616338: Registrar – Service – Public Health
Medicine



Positions under direct supervision:



Other positions reporting to this position:

NIL



Key Duties/Responsibilities

1. DISEASE CONTROL

- 1.1. Works with the Public Health Physician and Communicable Disease Control Directorate to develop and support projects in disease control and immunisation that are consistent with the WACHS public health strategy
- 1.2. Works with regional public health team in communicable disease surveillance, screening programs and managing disease outbreaks.
- 1.3. Liaises with hospital clinicians, general practitioners and Aboriginal community controlled health services to prevent and control communicable and vaccine preventable disease.
- 1.4. Works with the regional sexual health team and others to promote sexual health and reduce the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STI's). Undertakes counselling, testing and treatment of people with STI's where required.
- 1.5. Utilises notifiable disease database and analyses data to report on trends.
- 1.6. Provides education for general practice, other health staff and community based organisations in relation to public health issues such as immunisation and disease control.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 2.1. Works in partnership with the public health physician and other relevant authorities to develop skills in understanding and managing vector borne disease.
- 2.2. Works in partnership with the public health physician and other relevant authorities to develop skills in understanding the management of food borne disease outbreaks.
- 2.3. Liaises with the Environmental Health Directorate and other authorities including local government officers to ensure a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities including statutory requirements, principles of risk communication and risk assessment.
- 2.4. Works in partnership with the public health physician and other relevant authorities in the management of environmental health issues.
- 2.5. In partnership with the public health physician, liaises with Environmental Health Directorate, local government, communities and other organisations to improve and manage environment health conditions in Aboriginal communities with specific emphasis on the primordial prevention of trachoma, rheumatic heart disease, otitis media, renal and skin disease.

3. PLANNING AND EPIDEMIOLOGY

- 3.1. Collects, enters, and analyses quantitative and qualitative data as requested.
- 3.2. Produces demographic and descriptive reports where required.
- 3.3. Evaluates relevant public health interventions and/or projects under guidance of the public health physician.
- 3.4. Develops health-related policy in conjunction with other public health staff and relevant stakeholders.
- 3.5. Participates in planning and management meetings as appropriate.
- 3.6. Participates in multi-disciplinary teams to plan, implement and evaluate population health programs.
- 3.7. Contributes to pandemic preparedness planning and outbreak management at regional and State-wide levels.



4. HEALTH PROMOTION

- 4.1. Works with health promotion staff to plan, implement and evaluate health promotion programs with a focus on disadvantaged or at -risk groups in minimizing harm and promoting healthier alternatives.
- 4.2. Works with health service staff, GPs and staff from non-government organisations to manage the prevention, surveillance and control of non-communicable diseases, injury, and conditions resulting from exposure to harmful levels of tobacco, drugs and alcohol.

5. CHRONIC DISEASE

- 5.1. Evaluates epidemiology and disease risk factors and in conjunction with health promotion and community health staff, and Aboriginal community-controlled health services. Evaluates or assists in the design of interventions to prevent or mitigate chronic disease in the Goldfields with particular attention to Aboriginal health.

6. OTHER

- 6.1. Performs duties in accordance with relevant Work Health and Safety and Equal Opportunity legislation.
- 6.2. Performs duties in accordance with WA Country Health policies and procedures.
- 6.3. Assists in agreed peer, professional practice and clinical service review.
- 6.4. Reviews agreed services and programs to enhance evidence-based practices and to inform primary health care service development.
- 6.5. Participates in a continuous process to monitor, evaluate and develop performance.
- 6.6. Other duties as directed.



Work Related Requirements

The following criteria are to be read together with the Brief Summary of Duties and considered in the context of the WACHS Values.

Essential

1. Eligible for registration by the Medical Board of Australia.
2. Eligible to enrol as an Advanced Trainee in the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine.
3. At least 3 years post-graduate medical experience.
4. Completed Master of Public Health or equivalent.
5. Demonstrated high level oral and written communication skills.
6. Demonstrated experience and ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
7. Demonstrated ability to manage own workload, ensuring delivery of agreed outcomes.
8. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of cultural issues and social determinants particularly relating to Aboriginal Health.
9. Eligible for or in possession of a current C or C-A class driver's licence.

Desirable

1. Experience in communicable disease control.
2. Experience in epidemiology/health research.
3. Experience in community-based health settings.
4. Current knowledge and commitment to Equal Opportunity in all aspects of employment and service delivery.

Appointment Pre-requisites

Appointment is subject to:

- Evidence of registration with the Medical Board of Australia
- Provision of the minimum identity proofing requirements
- Successful Criminal Record Screening Clearance
- Successful Pre-Employment Health Assessment
- Successful WA Health Integrity Check
- Successful Working With Children Check
- Completion of training for Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse
- Evidence of a current C or C-A Class driver's licence or other specialised licence class

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