



Student Public Health Inspector (Practicum Placement)

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The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has an opening for one Student Public Health Inspector (Practicum Placement) in the Public Health division. This student opportunity is from approximately May 6, 2024, for a period up to August 30, 2024.

Job description

The Student Public Health Inspector will apply preventive public health knowledge, techniques, and skills to reduce the incidence of communicable diseases, occupational illnesses, food-borne illnesses, and health hazards in the public in accordance with Ministry of Health Ontario Public Health Standards, associated Ministry Protocols and Guidelines, the Health Protection and Promotion Act and its Regulations, and any other pertinent legislation. Under the direction of a certified PHI, they will conduct public health inspections and carry out enforcement of health protection regulations and applicable by-laws; promote public health principles; and work with government and stakeholders to support healthy policies and environments that support health. This position supports the ongoing operations of the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit.

Essential responsibilities

- Demonstrate Chatham-Kent's core values and competencies
- Adhere to principles, standards, professional/ personal boundaries, and codes of conduct established by CIPHI and organizational policies
- Apply in practice, key knowledge, critical thinking skills, and aptitudes related to the environmental public health sciences
- Use equipment, techniques, and procedures to conduct inspections/investigations, and collect appropriate samples (includes beach and mosquito surveillance programs)
- Apply systematic inspection processes and risk assessments to any premises and conduct audits where applicable
- Apply investigative procedures in the follow-up and management of individual reports of diseases of public health significance, food-borne illness, outbreaks, animal exposure reports, food recalls, environmental inspections, suspect health hazards, and Ministry directed incidents
- Access, analyze, and evaluate information (investigations, inspections, emergencies, data, facts, sample results, surveillance data and disease trends, concepts, theories) to make evidence-informed decisions, prepare reports, conduct investigations, and make recommendations for corrective action, risk management and/or policy and program development
- Analyze and evaluate policies, programs, and lessons learned in environmental public health to assess program effectiveness and provide feedback to ensure continuing quality assurance (includes incidents of outbreaks and emergencies)
- Liaise with stakeholders (Ministry, community, agencies, individuals, media), establish partnerships, and create collaborative approaches to promote common education or advocacy initiatives through shared resources and responsibilities
- Assess the needs of learners (internal and external), develop programs, protocols, and strategies, and teach environmental public health concepts to all ages, genders, cultures, and backgrounds in various settings with available resources
- Use teaching as part of the regulatory functions of environmental public health program delivery activities
- Use appropriate strategies and techniques to manage conflicts
- Apply cultural sensitivity while maintaining the protection of public health

Essential qualifications

- To qualify for this summer student position, students must currently be enrolled in school full-time for the 2023/2024 winter term (normally ending April, May or June) and/or returning to school full-time in the 2024 fall term (normally starting in August or September)
- To be eligible for this particular position, students must be enrolled in a CIPHI approved Environmental Health degree program
Note: if you are interested in this position in the future, the Environmental Health degree program can be found at the following schools:
 - Bachelor of Environmental Health - Concordia University of Edmonton - Edmonton, AB
 - Bachelor of Environmental Public Health - Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning - Kitchener, ON
 - Bachelor of Health Sciences (Public Health) - Cape Breton University - Sydney, NS
 - Environmental Health and Science - First Nations University of Canada - Regina, SK
 - Environmental Health Program - British Columbia Institute of Technology - Burnaby, BC
 - Occupational and Public Health - Public Health and Safety (BASc) – Toronto Metropolitan University - Toronto, ON
- Proficiency with current computer applications (Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, Outlook (email), PowerPoint, Publisher), Internet, research etc.)

Certifications, memberships, licenses

- Member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) or eligible to apply for membership

Work environment/hours of work

- This position works both indoors and outdoors
- This position works weekday and weekend hours with occasional evening hours

COVID-19 Vaccination

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent no longer requires a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment. Although it is not mandatory to be vaccinated, it is highly encouraged.

Driver's licence/vehicle requirements

Because of the responsibilities, this position requires the successful candidate to have a valid class G or G2 Ontario driver's licence; a driver's abstract will be conducted by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. An acceptable driver's abstract will: be an original document and current (within the previous thirty (30) days); have no more than four (4) demerit points; have no more than two (2) convictions for the same offence; have no criminal code convictions; have no 'non-medical or administrative' license suspension in the preceding three (3) years; because this position may be required to drive their own vehicle, a reliable vehicle is also required.

Background check requirements

Successful candidates will be required to complete a background check prior to commencement of employment. A background check may include the following: education/certification verification and employment reference check.

Essential physical and/or safety requirements

- Standing: frequent standing inside, outside (Standing is required during inspections, beach sampling, and West Nile traps)

Benefits

This summer student position will receive vacation and statutory benefits in accordance with Employment Standards Act.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is an equal opportunity employer, committed to fair and accessible employment practices that attract and retain talented employees in a workplace that is inclusive, supportive, and reflective of the diverse community we serve.

Should you require accommodations during the recruitment process, please contact Human Resources & Organizational Development (HROD) at 519-360-1998. Applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy legislation and will be used strictly for the purpose of candidate selection.

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