

Job Title	HIV Test Counselor
PVN ID	HC-1801-002320
Category	Research
Location	HUNTER COLLEGE
Department	CHEST Hunter College
Status	Full Time
Salary	Depends on qualifications
Hour(s) a Week	35
Closing Date	Mar 30, 2018 (Or Until Filled)

General Description

The Center for HIV/AIDS Educational Studies and Training (CHEST) of Hunter College, City University of New York, is hiring for a full-time HIV Testing Counselor with knowledge and experience in the areas of HIV/AIDS, and adolescent health with particular expertise in HIV testing, prevention, and linkage to HIV care services. CHEST (www.chestnyc.org) is an internationally recognized multidisciplinary research center which blends academic and community-based work focused on sexual health, HIV/AIDS, LGBT issues, and substance use. CHEST is an equal opportunity employer and we strongly encourage applications from individuals from diverse backgrounds, including racial/ethnic and sexual/gender minorities.

The HIV Testing Counselor's primary role will be to deliver couples HIV testing and counseling services (CHTC) to gay couples in which both partners are males aged 15-19 for a federally funded study focused on adolescent health and HIV/AIDS prevention. CHTC has been endorsed by the CDC and WHO as a standard of care for partnered gay men. The intervention is delivered following CDC protocol. Partners in a relationship complete an HIV test and receive their results together as a couple. They also have the opportunity to discuss their relationship, HIV prevention practices, and sexual agreement together. The HIV testing counselor will establish rapport with couples, explain and complete HIV testing, and facilitate a discussion of the couples' relationship and HIV prevention strategy. For some couples, the HIV Testing Counselor will provide brief (20-30 minute) individual consultation sessions with each partner in the relationship utilizing Motivational Interviewing to identify youth's communication goals prior to couples testing.

Other Duties

The HIV Testing Counselor will also screen and schedule participants, conduct research assessments, track compensation, maintain study logs, schedule laboratory visits and perform other administrative duties associated with running longitudinal studies. The HIV Testing Counselor is required to troubleshoot and resolve research related issues while balancing a full workload and escalate issues to the Project Director as needed. The HIV Testing Counselor may supervise others and perform research tasks on related projects as

assigned and reports directly to the Project Director who maintains responsibility for the respective research projects.

Qualifications

Bachelor degree with knowledge of HIV including testing and prevention strategies is required. Training and experience in motivational interviewing and experience working for healthcare, medical, or research settings are highly desired. The position requires excellent organizational, written, verbal communication and interpersonal skills as the HIV Testing Counselor must regularly deliver services to a couple together and assist with linkage to care when HIV positive test results are delivered. Compliance with protocols is required and experience with delivering interventions, tracking participants and maintaining audio files and electronic logs are highly preferred as is proficiency with data entry and some data analysis. Knowledge of MS Office and familiarity with research methodology is also highly desirable. Applicants must be able to work independently in a self-directed fashion while managing multiple tasks. Flexible schedule with some evenings and weekends required.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Please submit a cover letter, Curriculum Vitae and references when applying for this position.

Note: Applications without a cover letter that clearly delineate experience and interest in HIV/AIDS counselling and treatment will not be considered for review.