Expressions of interest have been sought from Registered Nurse/Midwife Level 1’s to fulfil the role of Infection Control Link Nurse/Midwife. This is a permanent position, commencing as soon as the current encumberant contract expire. The position will be worked in conjunction with the successful applicants’ current position and will be a voluntary professional enhancement/development position. There will be a dedicated time rostered to enable this to occur.

ICLN programs have been implemented at other Public Hospitals in SA and have demonstrated improved patient outcomes in relation to Infection Control. The Department of Human (DHS), in response to an Infection Control Review performed last year, will fund the program. The Infection Control Service at DHS will provide initial training through a centralised education course. The ICLN/M will attend regular study days at DHS to provide them with the necessary information to understand and apply their role in the clinical setting.

**Aim of the Program**

- To establish effective, channels of communication between the clinical unit and the infection control team.
- To help implement and evaluate an effective infection surveillance system.
- To assist in the optimal prevention and management of infection and to improve the quality of patient care in clinical units.
- To increase awareness of optimal approaches to infection prevention and management in clinical practice.

**Duties of the Infection Control Link Nurse/Midwife**

The ICLN/M will not be expected to take on the responsibility of the Infection Control Nurse. The ICLN/M will be expected to establish appropriate lines of communication with the Infection Control Team and the
designated clinical unit/s. The ICLN/M incumbent will, in addition to the substantive RN/M Level 1 JPS, be expected to fulfil, (but will not be limited to), the following:

- Establish links between the clinical unit and the Infection Control Team to ensure effective communication occurs.
- Provide accurate information regarding potential or actual infection control problems to the Infection Control Team and assist in outbreaks as required.
- Devise, implement and evaluate infection surveillance projects within the relevant clinical unit, eg:
  - hand washing & CVC audits
  - correct usage of protective equipment
  - correct application of additional precautions
  - management of sharps and waste
  - screening practices for multi-resistant organisms
- Provide education to staff of the clinical unit/s in relation to infection control practices.
- Raise awareness of the critical importance of prevention and control of infection in clinical practice within the designated unit/s.
- Provide a regular summary to DHS.
- Attend education sessions/workshops at DHS.

PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Essential Requirements

- The position will be available to full time or part time Registered Nurses/ Registered Midwives with a minimum of 3 years post-graduate experience plus 6 months experience in home unit.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with all members of the health care team.
- Demonstrated leadership abilities and a professional commitment to improving patient care.
- An interest in infection control.

For further enquiries, a copy of the Duty Statement & the Person Specification essential & desirable criteria, please contact: Jodie Burr Infection Control Co-ordinator Phone: 8161 66388, Pager: 18041