

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
CORE COMPETENCIES FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROFESSIONALS
TASK GROUP

Description of Task

Infection Prevention and Control Professionals (ICP) are leaders in preventing healthcare-associated infections and promoting patient safety across the healthcare continuum. ICPs require a wide range of knowledge and skills related to clinical care, teaching, research and leadership. An understanding of the principles of infection prevention and control as they apply to the diverse needs of patients including acute, residential and community care is essential. Core competencies provide standards of practice for ICPs. They are also used to inform the development of educational programs designed for ICPs as well as ongoing professional development. Finally they set the criteria for a distinct set of qualifications for healthcare professionals that are hired into the role of an ICP to ensure they are competent to provide these services.

CHICA-Canada is working to define the core competencies for healthcare professions with the specialized knowledge and skills base of an Infection Control Professional. We are currently forming a special Task Group that will undertake a literature review and develop a core competencies document for ICPs in Canada. This is a call for applications for representatives from across Canada who are willing to participate in this project.

No travel will be required for members of this Task Group. Meetings will take place by conference call, funded by CHICA-Canada. This project is expected to take three years to complete. Meetings will occur one to two times per month as needed.

Membership

The Task Group shall consist of the chairperson, the CHICA-Canada 2013 President-elect, and four other members. The CHICA-Canada Director of Education shall be chairperson. It is anticipated that the Task Group will be geographically diverse with members from various settings. Individuals with specialized knowledge for specific settings may be invited to consult to the group as needed.

The applicant must:

- Be a CHICA-Canada member and maintain membership during the span of the project;
- Preferably be a current CIC with certification to be maintained during the span of the project;
- Have expertise in infection prevention and control, with a minimum of five years of experience;
- Have experience with working as a team member, with strong collaboration, communication and organizational abilities;
- Have the time, personal commitment and support of their institution to serve CHICA-Canada through this position.

Term of Office

Members are appointed for a term of three years effective January 1, 2013

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter from applicant expressing interest in the position and demonstrating suitability for the position.
- The letter must include an outline of professional experience, educational background and CHICA-Canada involvement. Experience with competency development would be an asset.
- A current curriculum vitae.

Applications must be received no later than **November 2, 2012**

Applications should be forwarded to:

Executive Director, CHICA-Canada

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