

2025-26 Texas Public Health Fellowship



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Texas Department of State
Health Services

Fellowship Name: Congenital Syphilis Surveillance Fellowship

Fellowship Details

Host Site Organization Name: Texas Department of State Health Services

Host Site Division/Program: Infectious Disease Prevention; HIV/STD/HVC Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit

Host Site/Fellowship Location: 201 West Howard Lane, Austin, Texas 78753

Host Site Workplace Setting: Combination of onsite and virtual

Workplace Setting Description: The fellow will be required to come into the office 2 days/week to meet with the team lead, congenital syphilis surveillance staff, prevention team, and STD surveillance staff.

Public Health Core Disciplines: Epidemiology Biostatistics

Primary Fellowship Focus/Topics: Maternal and Child Health Infectious Diseases

Fellowship Overview

Host Site Mission

Identification and reporting of all new cases of HIV, syphilis, congenital syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, chancroid and Hepatitis C in Texas, and of all HIV/STD care and treatment. DSHS works with the CDC, stakeholders, and others to use surveillance data to make data driven decisions about resource allocation and planning.

Fellowship Projects

Congenital syphilis case identification, reporting, CS operational plan execution, Fetal Infant Morbidity Review, prevention, and public health communications.

Fellowship Deliverables

- Abstract for a state or national public health conference.
- Ensure case reporting and data quality.

Fellowship Activities/Responsibilities

The fellow will learn about the disease process of syphilis in the human body and the risks and impacts of mother to child transmission resulting in congenital syphilis. The fellow will develop critical thinking skills and technical writing in the development of presentations and abstracts for public health conference and other data outputs. The fellow will gain experience working a MAVEN based data collection system, NEDSS based data collection system, SAS, Tableau, Power BI and other software.

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Salary and Benefits

Annual Salary: Tier 3, \$66,150

All fellows will be eligible for DSHS employee [benefits](#) including [health insurance](#) and leave.

Travel

Percent Travel: 10%

Travel Description: Possible regional travel in Texas.

Required Applicant Qualifications

(The following qualifications are REQUIRED. Do NOT apply to this position unless you currently meet or plan to meet these requirements by the start of the Fellowship, June 1, 2025.)

Required certification/license:

No requirement

Ability to Speak in Spanish:

No Requirement

Ability to Write in Spanish:

No Requirement

Preferred Educational Qualifications

(The following preferences are guidelines provided by the Host Site. These are NOT requirements. Host Sites prefer that applicants have completed or are currently working toward these.)

Preferred Level of Education: Master's Degree

Preferred Specialized and Technical Skills

(The following skills will be a focus during this Fellowship position. If you have or are interested in developing data analysis skills or building technical skills in the software listed below, this could be a good Fellowship position for you.)

Data Analysis Skills:

Somewhat Skilled: has done Data Analysis in coursework, but not applied Data Analysis in the real world

Statistical Software Skills:

Somewhat proficient: has come experience using the software, but needs guidance or more training

Statistical Software:

SAS, R, SPSS, or other statistical analysis.

Other Software:

None.