# 2023-24 Texas Public Health Fellowship

**TEXAS** Health and Human Services | **Texas Department of State Health Services**

Fellowship Description: Public Health Region 8, Tuberculosis Public Health Nurse
Fellowship ID#: 2023062

## Fellowship Details

**Host Site Organization Name:** Texas Department of State Health Services

**Host Site Division/Program:** Regional & Local Health Operations, Public Health Region 8, Tuberculosis Program

**Fellowship Name/Title:** Tuberculosis Public Health Nurse Fellowship

**Host Site/Fellowship Location:** 7430 Louis Pasteur, San Antonio, TX 78229

**Host Site Workplace Setting:** 100% onsite/in-person

**Primary Fellowship Topic:** Epidemiology

**Secondary Fellowship Topic:** Social and Behavioral Sciences

**Sub Disciplines:**
Infectious Diseases
Health Promotion

**Public Health Skill Areas:**
Public Health Sciences
Communication
Community Partnership

## Fellowship Overview and Salary

| Annual Salary | $60,000 | Percentage of Travel | 30-60% | Benefits eligible? | Yes |
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Mission/Primary Goals of division, program or office-The Tuberculosis program prevents the spread of tuberculosis in Public Health Region 8.

Fellow projects, responsibilities, activities, and/or deliverables: The Fellow will perform highly advanced and comprehensive TB nursing services in Public Health Region 8 (PHR 8). In collaboration with the TB Nurse Consultant, develop treatment plans for TB cases, suspects, and individuals with TB infection. Perform nursing assessments to determine if a patient has TB. Provide case management of TB cases and suspects. Provide directly observed therapy (DOT) and directly observed preventive therapy (DOPT) to cases, suspects, and TBI cases. Help ensure timely contact investigation completion for each case and suspect. Contacts newly assigned patients and communicates written medication/treatment plan. Collects blood specimens as authorized through standing delegation orders of a DSHS physician, packages and ships the specimens, and documents collection. Monitors and improves clinical management services through the development of protocols and procedures. Completes investigations of disease reports, and consults with physicians, laboratories, hospital personnel, and members of the public. Tracks, evaluates, recommends, and develops programmatic procedures for improved quality assurance, program delivery, security, and confidentiality of data/data systems/processes for the region. Develops educational materials and implements training and education in TB and other communicable disease prevention, control, investigation, infection control, and reporting for health professionals, workplaces, and the general public. May provide guidance to other team members. Reports to the Communicable Disease Program Manager; with minimal supervision and can manage multiple, and complicated responsibilities independently. Up to 60% travel with the majority being day travel and approximately 30% travel may be overnight.

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## 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, 2023.)*

**Required certification/license:**
Licensed Vocational Nurse or Registered Nurse

**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:** Associate's degree

**Preferred Training/Courses/Degree:**

Patient management training and interest

Phlebotomy training and/or interest

Interest in field of tuberculosis.

## Preferred Specialized and Technical Skills
*(The following skills will be a focus during this particular 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:**
No Preference

**Statistical Software:**
No Preference

**Skill Level with Statistical Software:**
No Preference

**Other Software:**
Excel, Word, Outlook