Job Description

Job Title: Research Study Coordinator

Department: IPHAM - Ctr for Healthcare Studies

Job ID: 33932

Percent Full Time: 100

Location: Chicago Campus

Grade: NEX 11

Job Summary:

This role coordinates collection, analysis, processing & reporting of data & assists Principal Investigator (PI) in judging the validity of test data obtained in regard to biomedical &/or social-behavioral research study(ies) of limited complexity involving co-investigators, multiple campuses &/or universities. This position completes all activities by strictly following Good Clinical Practices (GCP) & all relevant current local, state, & federal laws, regulations, guidance, policy & procedure developed by the NU Institutional Review Board (IRB), Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), & the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH).

Full-time and part-time applicants are encouraged to apply.

Please Note: There might be research (education sessions) to be provided on weekends.

Specific Responsibilities:

Technical

- Participates in the planning & conduct of research study including participant recruitment and retention.
- Obtains informed consent
- Administers tests &/or questionnaires following protocols.
- Collects, compiles, tabulates & processes responses.
- Gathers information.

Administration

- Collects, records, reviews & summarizes research data.
- Collates relevant mathematical results & prepares tables, charts & graphs reflecting relationships of multiple tests.
- Prepares reports for investigators and sponsors on recruitment status and other pertinent study data.
- Writes portions of grant applications & co-author scientific papers.
- Completes documents associated with current local, state, & federal regulatory guidelines, requirements, laws & research protocols.

Finance
• May process payments for research participants per study protocol.

Supervision

• May provide work direction &/or train other research staff to interview/test participants.
• May act as a mentor in regard to education of junior coordinators.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

• Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's or higher degree in a major such as social or health science or related; OR appropriate combination of education and experience and 2 years' research study or other relevant experience required; OR
• Successful completion of a full course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a master's or higher degree in a major such as social or health science or related; OR appropriate combination of education and experience.
• Must complete Northwestern's IRB CITI training before interacting with any participants & must re-certify every 3 years.

Minimum Competencies: (Skills, knowledge, and abilities.)

• Humility and the desire to learn;
• Commitment to working hard under strict timelines while balancing multiple projects in the context of shifting priorities;
• Ability to work in a professional manner as both a self-starter and a team member;
• Knowledge of the scientific method
• Experience with conducting focus groups
• Excellent writing and interpersonal skills
• Experience with obtaining informed consent from study participants
• Experience with data entry
• Strong proficiency with MS Office software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
• Plans, organizes, and schedules in an efficient, productive manner
• Proactive work habits, anticipates contingencies, and pays attention to detail;
• Ability and willingness to transcribe audio recorded interviews/discussions
• Takes initiative to solve research problems
• Ability and willingness to perform qualitative analysis (coding) and use a qualitative analysis software program
• Targets projects or initiatives that require special attention and focuses on key tasks when faced with limited time and/or resources;
• Strong motivation to succeed as a member of our interdisciplinary research group

Preferred Qualifications: (Education and experience)

• Have an MPH or Master’s degree in social or health sciences
• Have at least 2-3 years of research experience in social or health sciences
- Institutional Review Board submission experience
- Experience with recruiting and obtaining informed consent from research study participants
- Experience collecting data from human subjects
- Qualitative research and analysis experience
- Experience with SPSS
- Familiarity with chronic disease management

Preferred Competencies: (Skills, knowledge, and abilities)

- Good writing skills, publications
- Survey research experience
- Training in qualitative research methods and analysis
- Qualitative research and analysis experience
- Experience with writing data reports
- Qualitative data analysis software experience (e.g., The Ethnograph, Atlas TI)
- Interest in chronic illness management, health care policy, and Veterans health

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