Job Description

Job Title: Research Study Coordinator Sr.  
Department: IPHAM-Ctr for Healthcare Studies

Job ID: 36037  
Percent Full Time: 100

Location: Chicago Campus  
Grade: NEX 13

Job Summary:
The Center for Healthcare Studies, housed within the Institute for Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM), is seeking a Research Project Coordinator to support the research of Dr. Elisa Gordon.

This position coordinates & completes the day to day administrative & technical activities involved in a single complex, large, nationwide or multiple moderately complex concurrent biomedical &/or social-behavioral research study(ies) involving multiple sites & /or longitudinal assessments & interventions. The Senior Research Study Coordinator ensures that all activities are completed 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).

Specific Responsibilities:
  
**Technical**
  
- Participates in the planning & conduct of research studies.
- Reviews project & protocol & recommends strategies to expedite study.
- Recruits & retains participants.
- Obtains informed consent.
- Administers tests &/or questionnaires following protocols.
- Collects, compiles, tabulates &/or process responses.
- Gathers information.
- Extracts & analyzes data from medical charts.
- Monitors & maintains systems for effective participant and data flow for studies.

**Administration**
  
- Manages study databases which may include ensuring that data is collected & entered correctly.
- Reviews & analyzes data.
- Creates computer models, graphs, reports & summaries for use in publications, professional journals, & grant applications.
- Writes portions of grant applications.
- Co-authors scientific papers for presentation & publication.
- Researches & obtains funding.
- Creates & maintains study manuals regarding operating, safety, and etc. procedures.
- Ensures that all study documents associated with current local, state, & federal regulatory guidelines, requirements, laws & research protocols are completed in a timely manner.

**Finance**
• May process payments for research participants per study protocol.
• Maintains & reconciles expenditures & balances in regard to research accounts & budgets.

Supervision
• Trains, directs, assigns duties to & may supervise research staff, students, residents &/or fellows.
• Acts 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 4 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 and 2 years' research study or other relevant experience.
• Must complete Northwestern's IRB CITI training before interacting with any participants & must re-certify every 3 years.
• Employment experience in a research capacity.

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.
• Excellent writing and oral communication and interpersonal skills.
• Experience with obtaining informed consent from study participants.
• Experience with data collection e.g., conducting surveys, semi-structured interviews, or focus groups.
• 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)
• MPH or Master’s degree.
• At least 3-4 years of research experience in social or health sciences.
• Institutional Review Board preparation and submission experience.
• Grant writing experience.
• Experience with writing publications.
• 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.
• Experience with running a research project.

Preferred Competencies: (Skills, knowledge, and abilities)
• Excellent writing skills.
• Ability to write grants.
• Track record of co-authorship on publications.
• Survey research experience.
• Training in qualitative research methods.
• Qualitative research and analysis experience.
• Experience with writing data reports.
• Qualitative data analysis software experience (e.g., The Ethnograph, NVIVO).
• Interest in ethics, chronic illness management, health care policy, and transplantation.

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