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Continuous Announcement

MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTIC SPECIALIST – 20757

Salary: \$59,517.60 - \$90,724.80
Announcement Date: November 17, 2010

JOB INFORMATION

The Molecular Diagnostic Specialist is a permanent full-time position with the Alabama Department of Public Health or the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. Positions are statewide, in various locations throughout Alabama. This is highly professional and scientific work in diagnosing complex, emerging and new animal and human diseases utilizing state of the art equipment and procedures.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Doctoral degree (Ph.D) from an accredited* four-year college or university in Microbiology, Molecular Biology or a closely related field
- Three years of experience performing complex laboratory procedures in human or animal testing and/or disease research

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Some positions must meet the qualifications established by Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) for high complexity laboratory testing.

NOTES

- Employees may be required to work with highly infectious agents.
- Employees may be required to get special immunizations.
- Employees may be required to get Department of Justice security clearance
- Employees may be required to work holidays, weekends, and after hours and be on call on a rotation basis.
- **The Alabama Department of Public Health requires documentation verifying possession of the degree prior to employment.**

BENEFITS

- Low-Cost Health/Dental Insurance (Single Coverage)
- Accrue Thirteen Annual Leave Days per Year
- Thirteen Paid Holidays per Year
- Flexible Employee Benefit Plans
- Optional Family Coverage (Health/Dental)
- Accrue Thirteen Sick Days per Year
- Retirement Plan
- Optional Deferred Compensation Plans

EXAMINATION

- **Open-Competitive** to all applicants
- Evaluation of **Training and Experience** as shown on application

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete an Application for Examination Form available at www.personnel.alabama.gov, the above address, or any Alabama Career Center Office.
- Apply by mail or by fax. *Applications will be accepted until further notice.*

*Individuals currently on the register **DO NOT** need to reapply to remain eligible for employment.*

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*Please refer to the back of this announcement for complete information on State Personnel's policy for accepting post-secondary and advanced degrees.

Except for pretest information provided by State Personnel to all applicants, you should not directly or indirectly obtain information about examinations. If you do, the State Personnel Director may do several things. One, you may not be given an examination. Two, you may be disqualified after an examination. Three, your name may be removed from a register. Or four, your name may not be certified from the register. (Rules of the State Personnel Board, Chapter 670-x-9). According to the Code of Alabama, 36-26-47, a willful violation of exam security is a misdemeanor. Any person who is convicted of this type of misdemeanor will not get a state job. If they are officers or employees of the state, they will be required to forfeit their office or position for five years.

If you know of anyone who has violated this policy, you should contact the Examination Manager at the State Personnel Department.

State of Alabama Personnel Department Policy on Accepting College Coursework, Post-Secondary and Advanced Degrees

1. Specific college coursework required for a job, as well as Bachelor's, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from the schools accredited by any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States. These associations are listed below.

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – The Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-ACSCU)

2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by a regional accreditation association will be accepted if a regionally accredited school considers the coursework or degree to be an acceptable prerequisite for admission to an advanced degree program. For example, if a regionally accredited school accepts an applicant's bachelor's degree for admittance into a graduate degree program, State Personnel will accept the degree. In the case of required college coursework (but no degree requirement), State Personnel will accept the college coursework if a regionally accredited school accepts the coursework towards a post-secondary degree (e.g., a bachelor's degree). **This must be documented by a letter of acceptance from the regionally accredited school.** State Personnel will review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Note: This policy is subject to change. Certain state agencies may have additional requirements.