



Job Specification

Job Title: Biosafety Specialist, Senior

BCAT Code: 453X BL

Pay Grade: 14

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FLSA Status: Exempt

General Description

Under direct supervision, assist in the on-going development and implementation of a comprehensive biological safety program designed to facilitate campus research initiatives while protecting faculty, staff, students and visitors as well as the environment from the adverse effects of research involving biological material. May serve as lead on a team or project.

Examples of Duties

- Reviews and assesses research proposals involving the use of biological material, laboratory operations and facilities, and construction/renovation plans for all aspects of biosafety to assure appropriate health and safety controls, containment, and compliance with NIH, CDC, USDA and other federal, state, local and University requirements.
- Identifies and evaluates occupational exposures as well as hazardous conditions and recommends controls to eliminate and/or minimize employee health risks.
- Responds to laboratory and research facility emergencies involving biological material, conduct incident investigations, provide incident reports, and develop and implement corrective action measures as needed.
- Develops and presents biological safety training and educational programs.
- Provides technical guidance to assigned committees and programs.
- Participates in the activities of the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC).
- Provides oversight of biomedical waste disposal and associated recordkeeping.
- Prepares technical reports and program outcome measurements to include the organization, entry, and analysis of information and data obtained from research proposals, laboratory and research facilities assessments, and faculty and staff surveys.
- Supports and assists with efforts to ensure compliance with federal, local and university policies, procedures, and regulations associated with research involving biological material.
- Serves as a first responder to emergency situations involving biological materials.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, codes and guidelines related to the research involving biological material.
- Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing.
- Ability to work under pressure and handle stressful situations.
- Proficiency with word processing, spreadsheet, and database software.

Minimum GSU Hiring Standards

Bachelor's degree in microbiology, biology, public health, or related field and three years of related experience. Must be able to wear and use appropriate personal protective equipment. Must be able to pass US Department of Justice security clearance. Advanced degree preferred. Experience in an academic setting preferred.

The above is a general description of duties performed by employees holding this job title and does not represent a complete list of duties that may be assigned to an employee.