

Epidemic Intelligence Service

Background

The Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) is a unique 2-year post-graduate program of service and on-the-job training for health professionals interested in the practice of epidemiology. EIS officers comprise a vital element at the frontlines of public health conducting epidemiologic investigations, research, and surveillance, both domestically and internationally. Formal instruction in epidemiology, biostatistics, public health ethics and law, evaluation of surveillance systems, and scientific writing supplement experiential training opportunities.

EIS in Action

Since 1951, more than 3,500 EIS officers have responded to requests for epidemiologic assistance within the United States and throughout the world. EIS officers provide frontline responses to investigate disease outbreaks, natural and man-made disasters, and other public health emergencies through epidemiologic analysis of critical health issues and development of population-based solutions aimed at both control and prevention.

EIS officers are assigned to positions within CDC or to field positions in state and local health departments and other federal agencies. Assignments for EIS officers offer opportunities for training in infectious disease, chronic disease, environmental health, occupational health, injuries, and birth defects and developmental disabilities.

EIS alumni occupy leadership positions at CDC and other national, state, local, and international public health agencies, as well as in academic medicine, clinical epidemiology, and managed care systems.

Eligibility

Professionals with a strong interest in applied epidemiology who meet one or more of the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- Physicians (MD, DO, MBBS, etc.) with at least one year of clinical training
- Doctoral level scientists (PhD, DrPH, ScD, etc.)
- Health professionals (DDS, PharmD, RN, PA) with an MPH or equivalent degree or training
- Veterinarians (DVM, VMD) with an MPH or equivalent degree or training
- Non-U.S. citizen applicants must be legal permanent residents or eligible for J-1 status prior to the program's start date

How to Apply

Apply online at <http://www.cdc.gov/eis/ApplyNow.html>

Competitive candidates will be invited for interviews in the fall; class selection is completed by January for a start date of July 1.

Check us out online: <http://www.cdc.gov/eis>

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