

## **0110 – Economist**

### Major Duties for This Position Include:

- Monitors changing requirement for health economic data relating to the health care system, specifically concerning health promotion and protection through participation in national and international meetings and through contacts with other components of agencies of HHS, other Federal Departments.
- Recommends priorities for economic evaluations and policy assessments of public health activities including strategies, programs, and process.
- Provides economic guidance and expertise on the health and economic consequences of alternative programs, policies, and legislative proposals affecting public health and disease prevention.
- Authors manuscripts or technical reports reflecting the results of his/her projects and studies and arranges for publication of such documents after approval by appropriate reviewing officials.

### Related Competencies

- Knowledge of economic theory and principles sufficient to perform economic research studies
- Knowledge of computer-based processing as it relates to economic research techniques
- Ability to conduct economic and statistical analysis
- Skill in oral communication

### Basic Qualifications

Degree in economics, that included at least 21 semester hours in economics and 3 semester hours in statistics, accounting, or calculus.

**Or**

Combination of education and experience with courses equivalent to a major in economics, as shown above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

### Minimum Qualifications

In additions to meeting the basic requirements above, applicants must meet the minimum qualifications requirement as defined below:

### **GS-11 Specialized Experience Requirements**

You must have one year of specialized experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility equivalent to the GS-09 grade level in the Federal Service. Specialized experience for this position includes:

- Conducting quantitative research or analytical studies on the economic effects of government policies and programs

- Identifying relevant information to evaluate the economic impact of a project, program, or policy on an area's economy

### Or Education

3 years of progressively higher-level graduate education leading to a Ph.D. degree or Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree. **TRANSCRIPTS REQUIRED.**

### Or Combination

Combinations of successfully completed graduate level education and appropriate specialized experience that together, meets 100% of the qualification requirements for this position. Only graduate level education in excess of the first two years or 36 semester hours may be combined with appropriate experience. **TRANSCRIPTS REQUIRED.**

## GS-12 Specialized Experience Requirements

You must have one year of specialized experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility equivalent to the GS-11 grade level in the Federal Service. Specialized experience for this position includes:

- Conducting scientific research projects by collecting, analyzing, and interpreting public health economic data.

**Note:** There is no substitution of education for specialized experience at the GS-12 level.

## GS-13 Specialized Experience Requirements

You must have one year of specialized experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility equivalent to the GS-12 grade level in the Federal Service. Specialized experience for this position includes:

- Designing and implementing public health economic data; Conducting scientific research projects by collecting, analyzing, and interpreting public health economic data.

**Note:** There is no substitution of education for specialized experience at the GS-13 level.

## GS-14 Specialized Experience Requirements

You must have one year of specialized experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility equivalent to the GS-13 grade level in the Federal Service. Specialized experience for this position includes:

- Providing leadership and direction for health economic research on cost-effectiveness, modeling, and return on investment to assess the effect of prevention and treatment on health outcomes and health care costs.

**Note:** There is no substitution of education for specialized experience at the GS-14 level.

## GS-15 Specialized Experience Requirements

You must have one year of specialized experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility equivalent to the GS-14 grade level in the Federal Service. Specialized experience for this position includes:

- Providing operational leadership in the development and implementation of economic analysis, research, studies and projects for cost and benefit analysis.

**Note:** There is no substitution of education for specialized experience at the GS-15 level.

**Experience** refers to paid and unpaid experience. Examples of qualifying unpaid experience may include volunteer work done through National Service programs (such as Peace Corps and AmeriCorps), as well as work for other community-based philanthropic and social organizations. Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills; and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.