

## **0602 – Physician**

### Major Duties for This Position May Include:

- Provide support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in public health research and analyses.
- Perform duties involving the evaluation of medical research or the identification of causes or sources of disease or disease outbreaks.
- Apply epidemiological principles and/or procedures to investigate, review, analyze, and/or determine the cause(s) of problems, situations, inconsistencies, and/or issues related to programmatic degradation or systemic or causal parameters.
- Research findings which impact significant public health programs, issues, problems, processes, and procedures and/or the transmission of other causation of disease or public health issues or situations.

### Related Competencies

- Clinical Knowledge and Skills
- Data Analysis
- Data Collection
- Public Health Knowledge
- Policy Formulation

### Basic Requirements

Applicants must possess a one of the following degrees: Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine or equivalent from a school in the United States or Canada. This degree must have been accredited by the [Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association \(external link\)](#); [Association of American Medical Colleges \(external link\)](#); [Liaison Committee on Medical Education \(external link\)](#); [Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation of the American Osteopathic Association \(external link\)](#), or an accrediting body recognized by the [U.S. Department of Education \(external link\)](#) at the time the degree was obtained.

A Doctor of Medicine or equivalent degree from a foreign medical school must provide education and medical knowledge equivalent to accredited schools in the United States. Evidence of equivalency to accredited schools in the United States is demonstrated by permanent certification by the [Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates \(external link\)](#), a fifth pathway certificate for Americans who completed premedical education in the United States and graduate education in a foreign country, or successful completion of the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination.

## Licensure

For all grade levels and positions, applicants must possess a current, active, full, and unrestricted license or registration as a Physician from a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States.

## Graduate Training

Subsequent to obtaining a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree, a candidate must have had at least 1 year of supervised experience providing direct service in a clinical setting, i.e., a 1-year internship or the first year of a residency program in a hospital or an institution accredited for such training. For purposes of this standard, graduate training programs include only those internship, residency, and fellowship programs that are approved by accrediting bodies recognized within the United States or Canada. Descriptions of such programs are described below.

- An **internship program** involves broadly based clinical practice in which physicians acquire experience in treating a variety of medical problems under supervision (e.g., internal medicine, surgery, general practice, obstetrics-gynecology, and pediatrics). Such programs are in hospitals or other institutions accredited for internship training by a recognized body of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).
- A **residency program** involves training in a specialized field of medicine in a hospital or an institution accredited for training in the specialty by a recognized body of the American Medical Association, (AMA) or Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).
- A **fellowship program** involves advanced training (beyond residency training) in a given medical specialty in either a clinical or research setting in a hospital, or an institution accredited in the United States for such training.

## Minimum Qualifications

In addition to meeting the basic requirements above, to qualify for this position you must also meet the qualification requirements listed below:

### GS-12 Specialized Experience Requirements

Two years of residency training in the specialty of the position to be filled or possess at least one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-12 grade level in the Federal service implementing and evaluating medical activities related to public health programs.

### GS-13 Specialized Experience Requirements

Three years of residency training in the specialty of the position to be filled or possess at least one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-12 grade level in the Federal service implementing and evaluating medical activities related to public health programs.

### **GS-14 Specialized Experience Requirements**

Four years of residency training in the specialty of the position to be filled or possess at least one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-13 grade level in the Federal service designing, implementing, and evaluating medical activities related to public health programs.

### **GS-15 Specialized Experience Requirements**

Five years of residency training in the specialty of the position to be filled or possess at least one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-14 grade level in the Federal service performing scientific, technical, and programmatic medical activities to originate new techniques, establish criteria, or develop new information related to public health programs