The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is committed to meeting the objectives of Employment Equity to improve representativity within the Institution. Preference will be given to applicants from designated groups in accordance with our Employment Equity Plan.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES SCHOOL OF NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE FOR RURAL HEALTH FIELDWORKER SUPERVISOR / COORDINATOR (Maternal and new born and mobile phone e-cohorts to assess health system competence in KwaZulu Natal) (FIXED TERM CONTRACT – 12 MONTHS)

Background of the study

The maternal and neonatal health (MNH) e-cohort seeks to track care quality and outcomes over time for mothers and their newborns from initial antenatal care (ANC) visit, childbirth, postpartum care, through to postnatal care (PNC).

Location

The position will be based at UKZN and in UMHLATHUZE & NONGOMA SUB-DISTRICTS respectively, but may require travel within King Cetshwayo and Zululand districts in KwaZulu Natal.

Minimum Requirements

- Matric certificate and 2 year relevant post matric qualification.
- Previous experience working with fieldworkers and/or teams.
- Strong verbal and written isiZulu and English communication skills.
- Minimum one year research work experience in conducting surveys
- Experience in data collection with an electronic device
- Expertise in a working with data for reporting will be advantageous.
- Self-motivated, able to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Able to multitask and make decisions independently.
- Code 8 Drivers license.

Advantages

- Experience in public health and academic research in low resource settings (human research study design)
- MPH/MSc or BSc qualifications
- Nursing degree and/or Midwifery qualification

Salary: R12 000 per month (March 2023 – February 2024)

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Assist with the recruitment of fieldworkers
- Provide general support for study activities including:

- Training and supporting of fieldworkers
- Site assessment and preparation
- o Site support
- Coordinate and oversee data collection for the pilot and study surveys
- Support fieldworkers with timekeeping and Human Resources issues.
- Ensure the study protocols are followed and that the procedures are constantly and accurately maintained.
- Assist with setting up a Call Centre to conduct follow up of participants telephonically
- Work with research staff (field staff and call centre operators) to monitor and ensure data collection, capture and management including data cleaning.
- Ensure that data quality is maintained.
- Provide regular feedback and summary reports to the data manager and project lead
- Coordinate with study stakeholders
- Assist with preparation of progress reports.

This post reports to the Data Manager and Project Lead. Enquiries regarding this post may be directed to crh@ukzn.ac.za

The closing date for receipt of applications is 10 February 2023. The University however, reserves the right in special circumstances to accept late applications or extend the above date in order to facilitate further searches. Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za.

Completed application forms must include each minimum requirement as stated in the advertisement, together with your Curriculum Vitae (CV), supporting documents and full contact details of 3 referees, and a covering letter. These must be E-mailed to crh@ukzn.ac.za. Please quote FIELDWORKER SUPERVISOR MNH E-cohort project as a reference in your subject line.