The Occupational Health Clinical Center embraces diversity and seeks candidates who will contribute to a climate that supports patients and co-workers of all identities and backgrounds. We strongly encourage individuals from underrepresented and/or marginalized identities to apply.

**Industrial Hygienist**

**Job Summary**

The Industrial Hygienist for the Occupational Health Clinical Center (OHCC) will join a small multidisciplinary team of professionals working to advance our mission in Central New York.

The Industrial Hygienist is responsible to develop, plan, and implement a comprehensive industrial hygiene program within the function and structure of an occupational health specialty clinic serving 16 counties.

In this role, the primary function is to develop and implement health and safety programs and participate in occupational disease prevention projects. The focus is on improving workplace conditions and providing guidance about compliance with government regulations (i.e. OSHA) and/or other recommended interventions, practices, policies, and standards. In addition, the Industrial Hygienist performs inspections, provides industrial hygiene services, and gives technical support to OHCC staff, patients and the community.

**More about OHCC**

OHCC is part of a network of occupational health clinics established by New York State in 1987. The Network was created to respond to a serious need for clinical resources to diagnose, treat, and prevent occupational diseases. A remarkable organizing effort led by New York's labor unions in coalition with academics, public health professionals, safety and health activists convinced the state legislature to fund a study of the problem of occupational disease. When that study showed the high incidence of work-related deaths and illnesses, the large number of New Yorkers exposed to hazardous conditions, the tremendous costs associated with work related disease, and the lack of medical providers trained in occupational medicine, the legislature provided funding for the NYS Occupational Health Clinic Network. Funding comes from a small surcharge on the Workers' Compensation insurance payments made by employers.

Each clinic in the network has a regional responsibility and shares core characteristics. These include:

- A focus on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of occupational disease
A multi-disciplinary team including a physician board certified in occupational medicine
Independence of opinion facilitated by public funding
Universal accessibility assuring all who need services will be attended
A community based advisory board to guide the center’s activities and assure responsiveness to the working community’s needs

**Duties and Responsibilities**

- Design and conduct programs to educate patients, workers, employers, unions, health professionals, and others in the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of health hazards in the work place.
- Develop and maintain educational materials on occupational health and safety for patients and workers in the community.
- In collaboration with others, write short communications on health and safety and recommend topics for OHCC’s social media communication platforms.
- Monitor key developments of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), NIOSH, EPA, USDA, and other government agencies, both state and federal.
- Participate in all aspects of outreach activities to at risk work groups, employer organizations, unions, health care providers, government organizations, and others.
- Conduct qualitative and quantitative investigations of patient workplaces in order to assist with the patient’s care, develop safe return-to-work plans and prevent exposures of other workers.
- Conduct qualitative and quantitative investigations of workplace conditions in the community based on requests and on assessments of community need.
- Report findings, results and recommendations with management and employee representatives. Provide follow-up education and ongoing recommendations.
- Provide consultation and technical assistance to OHCC staff, employers, employees, community members on occupational health and safety.
- Organize and maintain industrial hygiene equipment.

*We believe that all working people have the right to a safe and healthy workplace and that empowering our patients and people in the community can lead to effective prevention strategies and positive social change. We believe all workers have the right to access to high quality occupational health services. We believe that reversing patterns of occupational health inequity is a worthy and attainable goal, in spite of many challenges and barriers.*

**Location**

This position is located in Syracuse, New York.

**Qualifications:**

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Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in industrial hygiene, environmental health, occupational health and safety, toxicology, safety sciences, public health, or a related scientific field. Advanced degree is preferable but not required.

Minimum 2 years’ work experience in the field of occupational health and safety or closely related field.

Knowledge of industrial hygiene principles and technical methods; relevant laws and regulations; public health; and research methodologies.

Successful candidates will also have:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including public speaking.
- Strong computer skills, including Microsoft Office Suite including Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; social media platforms.
- Strong interpersonal skills, especially the ability to interact with people of various educational, economic and/or cultural backgrounds. Ability to collaborate with colleagues and partners.
- Ability to think proactively, be a self-starter, and function both independently and as a team member
- Demonstrated ability to deliver quality work and meet deadlines while juggling multiple projects
- Strong organizational skills and excellent attention to detail
- Knowledge about relevant government agencies, both state and federal, including OSHA, NIOSH, and EPA.
- Ability to read, understand, and interpret health and safety regulations.
- Knowledge of industrial hygiene equipment and basic sampling procedures (classroom experience is acceptable).
- Interest in working with labor organizations, worker advocacy groups, and government organizations to promote worker health and safety.
- Ability to construct educational activities including preparation and writing of educational materials, developing safety and health curricula, and conducting training and education classes for working people.
- An interest in developing professional skills over time, maintaining a learning orientation. This may include plans to seek board certification in a recognized professional health and safety discipline, such as industrial hygiene (CIH) or safety professional (ASP, CHST, or CSP). Alternately, this may include attending to professional development in other meaningful ways.

What we offer:

SUNY Upstate Medical University offers an array of benefits that include union membership, educational benefits, health care options, accrued paid leave provisions: vacation, personnel and sick time, paid holidays and superior retirement contributions.
An active community to work and thrive in! SUNY Upstate is situated in Syracuse, New York, the heart of the Central New York. Syracuse is home to four academic institutions, state parks, hiking and biking trails and a wide range of art galleries, music venues, theaters, eateries, and breweries. Syracuse has something to suit all ages and interests!