



## RESEARCH ASSISTANT - THE BUSSELTON HEALTH STUDY

- **1.0 FTE, 37.5 hrs per week (salary range \$53, 553 - \$58,713)**
- **12 month appointment – further employment dependent on funding**
- **Hours (7am - 3.30pm Mon -Thurs, 7am -12.30pm Fri)**

An opportunity exists to join a large community health study in Busselton in a full-time role. The Busselton Healthy Ageing Study (BHAS) is collecting health data and physical assessments from over 3000 adults aged 45-64 years to investigate the risk factors and causes of chronic disease and loss of function associated with ageing. The BHAS involves a number of leading research groups and is administered by the Busselton Population Medical Research Institute Inc.

Based at the Busselton Health Study testing centre at 18 West St in Busselton, the successful applicant will play a key role in collecting and processing biological specimens, performing varied medical and physical assessments, and administering questionnaires for medical research purposes. The position would suit applicants with nursing or science-related qualifications and preferably have experience with a range of tests including phlebotomy. Full training will be provided. We are seeking a multi-skilled team player who pays attention to detail and has excellent interpersonal skills in order to interact effectively and compassionately with study participants.

### **Application Details:**

A copy of the full job description and selection criteria can be downloaded from [www.busseltonhealthstudy.com/jdf.html](http://www.busseltonhealthstudy.com/jdf.html) or by contacting Dr Michael Hunter on 9754 0502 or email [Michael.Hunter@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Michael.Hunter@health.wa.gov.au). Please submit your CV and statement addressing the selection criteria to the above email address or to The Busselton Health Study PO Box 659 Busselton WA 6280. Applications close Friday 17 February 2012

**[www.busseltonhealthstudy.com](http://www.busseltonhealthstudy.com)**



Busselton Population Medical Research Institute

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

### ROLE STATEMENT

As the appointee you will be multi-skilled team player conducting a range of medical research tests and assessments in the Busselton community as part of a large epidemiological research study.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

To collect medical research data by administering the following tests according to study protocols:

- DEXA scanning and body measurements (height, weight, waist, hip and neck)
- Blood pressure and Ankle-Brachial Index assessment (ABI) (automated)
- 12 lead electrocardiograms (ECG)
- Lung function (spirometry, bronchodilator response)
- Skin allergy tests (common environmental allergens)
- Ear and hearing tests (otoscope, tympanometer and audiometry)
- Eye and vision tests (retinal photograph, intraocular pressure testing, refraction test)
- Cognitive testing (Computer-assisted and pen & paper - type)

To perform phlebotomy and handling of biological specimens (whole blood, serum, plasma)

To conduct participant interviews, administer questionnaires and check for completeness

To maintain accurate data entry and confidentiality of research records

To maintain laboratory equipment, stocks and reagents

Other duties as directed



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

**SPECIFIC WORK CAPABILITIES (SELECTION CRITERIA): (Minimum requirements to perform the duties of the position, e.g. Bachelor Degree or equivalent experience).**

- 1) Bachelor of Science or equivalent in a health, science or related discipline / or previous experience in an epidemiological or community health program, or in a laboratory or hospital-based environment
- 2) Excellent interpersonal and personal communication skills and the ability to work within a team
- 3) Demonstrated familiarity with laboratory techniques including phlebotomy and willingness to learn and master new techniques
- 4) High level of competency in operating computers and software programs
- 5) Ability to interview participants and administer standardised questionnaires and review for completeness
- 6) Demonstrated ability to, or willingness to strictly adhere to established study protocols, quality control and the conduct of the quality control activities
- 7) Demonstrated time-management skills. This position requires guiding participants through a study protocol lasting up to 3.5 hours (2 sessions per day, Mon -Thurs, and 1 session on Fridays)
- 8) Demonstrated ability to relate well to staff and the public at all levels and commitment to maintain and foster the principles of the Busselton Health Study and it's relationship with study participants