

Health Policy Researchers, Consultants and Program Officers

Description

Health policy researchers, consultants and program officers conduct research, produce reports and administer health care policies and programs. They are employed by government departments and agencies, consulting establishments, universities, research institutes, hospitals, community agencies, educational institutions, professional associations, non-governmental organizations and international organizations.

Duties:

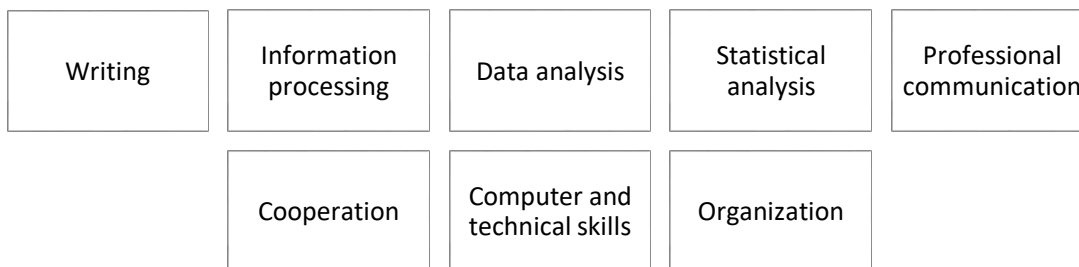
- Assist in developing government health policy by reviewing relevant literature, conducting interviews, collecting and analyzing data, and providing advice to senior managers and officials
- Design and implement health projects or programs
- Maintain, update and manage health information databases
- Compile and analyze statistical information provided by private and public health care institutions and organizations and produce reports
- Monitor and evaluate health care programs operated by government departments and agencies or private organizations
- Assess compliance with health standards and identify remedial action if necessary
- Conduct evaluations and assessments of health projects and programs
- Provide consulting services to clients in private establishments or government departments or agencies
- Respond to internal and external program and policy information requests
- Produce newsletters, magazines and other documents
- Present the views of an organization to politicians, government officials, the media or the public.

Other titles:

- Clinical research program manager
- Drug and alcohol abuse consultant
- Health care planning officer
- Health services researcher
- Mental health programs consultant
- Wellness coordinator

(Government of Canada National Occupation Classification)

Skills



Education/Training Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

- Most college/university programs in Ontario require an OSSD or Mature Student Status

Post-secondary diploma/degree

- Bachelor's degree or college diploma in health science, public administration, recreation administration or hospital administration, or a bachelor's degree in social science
- Graduate degree in health, social science or an administrative discipline may be required

Certification

- None, but several years of experience in the health field as a health care professional or social service worker are usually required.

Potential Earnings in Durham Region

The average and median wages and salaries for individuals employed as health policy researchers, consultants and program officers are as follows. Place of Residence (POR) is defined as individuals who reside within the Durham Region. Place of Work (POW) is defined as individuals who are employed within the Durham Region.

Median Wages and Salaries (POW)	Average Wages and Salaries (POW)	Median Wages and Salaries (POR)	Average Wages and Salaries (POR)
\$60,780	\$63,213	\$60,752	\$64,661

Employment Prospects

Industry (NAICS)	Jobs in Durham Region (POW)	Durham Region Residents Employed (POR)
5417 Scientific research and development services	40	60
1110 Farms (except aquaculture)	60	60

(Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development 2016 data in Durham Workforce Authority's 2017 Health & BioScience Sector Report)