

Job Title : **Research Nurse**

Department : **Research Department**

Reports to : **Research Manager**

Location : **Ndevana Clinic, Eastern Cape**

Annual salary range : **R396,292 – R474,156**

(Please note that the salary range mentioned is indicative only. The offer to the successful candidate will be determined within this salary range, based on the candidate's relevant qualifications and experience).

Purpose of the position:

The Research Nurse will be responsible for the recruitment of study participants, to perform physical examinations, collection and processing of biological specimens, and provision of antenatal, data collection, and ensuring participant safety and comfort throughout the research study.

Scope of work:

- Educate participants on study procedures, ensuring they understand informed consent and their role in the study.
- Provide direct patient care and ensure participants are comfortable during study visits.
- High level of history taking, and document all participant-related activities, including observations, test results, and any complications.
- Ensure all clinical and study protocols are followed during participant interaction.
- Obtain, process and store other biological specimens from participants for offsite laboratory testing in line with good laboratory practice.
- Test vaginal swabs for STIs using the onsite GeneXpert® platform.
- Follow all safety protocols for handling clinical specimens and medical equipment.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of patient data and progress as per study requirements.
- Enter and manage participant data in the study's database or electronic health record system.

- Ensure compliance with relevant ethical and regulatory guidelines, including GCP (Good Clinical Practice), and ensure participant confidentiality.
- Ensure protocol violations, adverse events or note –to-files are reported to managing staff.
- Conduct daily quality checks on data collected and captured.
- Report challenges or progress within the study.
- Participate in monthly facility meetings and FPD clinical and skills development meetings.
- Effectively manage the facility study site including stock and storage of resources and ensure that the study space is well-organized, neat, and clean.
- Stay informed on the latest clinical practices by attending relevant webinars and research guidelines related to the study.
- Perform any reasonable other study duty as requested by the site manager.

Qualifications and registration:

- Degree or diploma in Nursing (essential).
- Registered Midwife (essential).
- Active registration with SA Nursing Council as a Midwife (essential).
- Certification in Good Clinical Practice (essential).
- MSc, BSc or degree in public health (advantageous).

Experience and knowledge:

- Minimum three years' experience as a Registered Midwife, preferably in a clinical research or healthcare setting.
- Minimum two years' experience in clinical midwifery.
- Strong knowledge of the guidelines for management of STIs and the Basic Antenatal Care (BANC) guidelines.
- Documented ultrasonography competency (advantageous).
- Experience in recruiting study participants (advantageous).
- Experience in clinical research (advantageous).

Additional requirements:

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, Teams).
- Proficiency in data management software (e.g., REDCap).
- Proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing Xhosa and English.
- Proficiency in another local language (advantageous).
- Valid driver's license.
- Willingness to travel.

Application process:

Interested candidates should apply by accessing the following link:

<https://vacancies.fpdsiu.co.za/>

Closing date for applications:

1 May 2025 at 16h00

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