

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE II

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Plans, provides, directs and evaluates nursing care in a variety of settings with the goal of improving health outcomes and is actively involved in the planning, development, provision and evaluation of public health programs designed to prevent disease and improve the health of individuals, families, specific populations, high-risk groups and /or communities. Conducts nursing assessments and develops plans of care for clients and families in a variety of settings In any setting focuses on the promotion of health, prevention of illness, injury or disability and maintenance of the health of the population. May supervise Registered Professional Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Home Health Aides and Personal Care Aides. Participates in program administration and/or program budget development. Participates in quality assurance and monitoring initiatives. Acts as an advocate and liaison for constituents. Work is performed under the supervision of a Supervising Public Health Nurse. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Provides health information and guidance to individuals and population groups through targeted interventions, programs and advocacy. Provides skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments and education to patients in their homes, community settings or clinics as assigned. May lead a team of caregivers and evaluate the effectiveness of team activities; Assists individuals, families, groups, organizations and/or communities to identify and access necessary resources in order to prevent or resolve problems or concerns; Coordinates plan of care with other health care and health related professionals and ; Counsels and guides individuals and families towards self-help in recognition and solution of physical, developmental, emotional and environmental health issues and concerns; Provides community based information and education and participates in community planning related to nursing and health. Provides case management. Investigates, provides follow up, completes reports and provides education in communicable and vaccine preventable diseases; responds to other public health needs as required. Participates in Public Health program planning, administration and budget development including but not limited to Early Intervention, Children with Special Healthcare Needs and Physically Handicapped Children's Program.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of current nursing practice; Skill in the application of current nursing procedures and techniques of patient care as well as the nursing process ;Good knowledge of the epidemiological approach to the prevention and control of disease; Working knowledge of the administrative organization of community agencies; Ability to communicate effectively; Ability to collaborate with community partners and participate in coalition building; Ability to plan, coordinate and implement nursing interventions that reflect the priorities and needs of the individual, family or community. Ability to accept and utilize guidance; Ability to perform duties in accordance with ANA Code for Professional Nurses; Acceptable physical and mental health to carry out the responsibilities of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State, and

Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four-year college or university with a baccalaureate degree in nursing, and

Two years experience as a Public Health Nurse I AND; Must complete 15 hours of continuing education in public health related topics approved by the New York State Department of Health within the first year of employment.

Eligibility for appropriate New York State Driver's license at time of application. Valid NYS Drivers license at time of appointment and maintained during employment.

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