

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE I

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Plans, provides, directs and evaluates nursing care in a variety of settings with the goal of improved 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. Supervision is provided by Supervising Public Health Nurse or Supervising Community Health Nurse. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Provides health information to individuals and population groups through targeted interventions, programs and advocacy. Provides skilled nursing care, prescribed treatments and education to patients in the home and in clinic settings. May lead a team of caregivers and evaluate the effectiveness of team activities; May provide for the continuity of care by promoting referrals to other community agencies; Coordinates plan of care with other health care professionals; Counsels and guides individuals and families towards self-help in recognition and solution of physical, emotional and environmental health problems; Provides nursing services in clinics, schools and other community bases settings as assigned; Provides community based information and education and participates in community planning related to nursing and health. Coordinates investigation, follow up, reporting and education of communicable and vaccine preventable diseases; responds to other public health needs as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Knowledgeable about multiple strategies for intervention, from those applicable to the entire population to those for the family and the individual. Thorough knowledge of current nursing practice; Thorough knowledge of the epidemiological approach to the prevention and control of disease; Thorough knowledge of the skill in the application of current nursing procedures and techniques of patient care as well as the nursing process; Working knowledge of the administrative organization of community agencies; Ability to plan and coordinate nursing care for individuals, families and groups; Ability to communicate effectively; Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; 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:

Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must possess appropriate NYS Drivers License at time of appointment and maintain during employment.

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