

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: 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. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Supervising Public Health Nurse or other supervisory or administrative staff. 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 healthcare guidance, prescribed treatments and education to patients in the home and in clinic settings including immunizations and TB screening; May provide for the continuity of care by promoting referrals to other community agencies; Guides individuals and families towards self-help in recognition and solution of physical, emotional and environmental health problems; Performs population health activities in clinics, schools and other community bases settings, including providing community based information and education and participating in community planning related to health. Coordinates investigation, follow up, reporting and education of communicable and vaccine preventable diseases; responds to other public health needs as required; Provides health guidance and education in the home; Immunizations; TB screening and Education in clinical settings.

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; Working knowledge of the administrative organization of community agencies; 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; Physical and Mental condition commensurate with the demands 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. CPR Certification on appointment and maintained during employment.

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

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