

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 toward self-help in recognition and resolution of physical, emotional, and environmental health problems; Performs population health activities in clinics, schools, and other community-based 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.

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 college or university with a Bachelor's 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.

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NOTE: Your degree must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

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