

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Code No. 4-08-002

COMPETITIVE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is an entry level professional public health nursing position. Duties include assessment of health needs, development of care plans, complex case management, and direct nursing care to specific populations within the community. A Public Health Nurse is also responsible for periodic re-evaluation of individual and family nursing needs. This position is distinguished from the Assistant Supervising Public Health Nurse position by its responsibility for the initial implementation of nursing care plans and provision of direct nursing care. The employee reports directly to, and works under, the general supervision of, a Supervising Public Health Nurse or other higher level staff member. Direct supervision is exercised over the work of Registered Professional Nurses and staff assigned to carry out the plans of care. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (All need not be performed in a given position. Other related activities may be performed although not listed.)

Provides skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments to patients in clinic and community settings;

Provides for the continuity of patient care by promoting referral of hospital and clinic patients to appropriate community agencies;

Provides complex case management and coordinates services with the Outreach Program, the Monroe County Department of Human Services, schools, physicians, the New York State Department of Health and other professional workers in the community;

Counsels and educates individuals and families toward independence in recognition and solution of physical, emotional and environmental health problems;

Teaches classes, addresses groups, and participates in community planning related to nursing and health and the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Program;

Participates in disease surveillance;

Compiles and uses records, reports and statistical information for evaluation and planning.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of current public health nursing community facilities; ability to apply current nursing procedures; ability to plan and coordinate nursing care for children, adults, families, and groups; ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with hospital, clinic and community stakeholders and colleagues; ability to work proficiently on a personal computer; ability to perform duties in accordance with the American Nursing Association Code for Professional Nurses; physical 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 Bachelor's degree in Nursing.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a New York State Registered Professional Nurse's license and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State.

Current CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Certificate or equivalent certifications by a recognized

certifying agency acceptable to the New York State Department of Health.

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