

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE I

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible public health nursing work assessing individual health needs and promoting community-wide health care.

Work involves providing nurse assessments to high risk clients and families as part of a team of medical, psychosocial and public health practitioners; developing, implementing and evaluating a care plan to meet specified health needs; and instructing clients and families in methods of preventive health care practices. Work may include; providing health maintenance care such as monitoring chronic health conditions, pregnancy, postpartum and newborn care, obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis, administering injections, and maintaining health records . Work is performed according to established policies and procedures. Supervision is received from a supervisor with work being reviewed through established quality control measures.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Provides nursing assessments to individuals and families such as; pregnant women, postpartum women, newborns and young children at high-risk for adverse health conditions; newly arrived immigrants; adolescents who are at risk for infectious disease; and adults at-risk for adverse health outcomes.

Provides health maintenance care to individuals and families under general medical direction including monitoring vital signs, obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis, caring for wounds, and administering injections.

Instructs clients in preventive health care practices.

Assists Public Health Nurse II in implementing community screening and education.

Maintains appropriate client records reflecting treatment provided and client status.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of public health.

Knowledge of the principles of disease prevention and control.

Knowledge of human service agencies within the community as well as services provided by those agencies.

Knowledge of various types of equipment utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services.

Knowledge of the current literature and research developments relating to public health.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, clients and the general public.

Ability to understand and follow complex oral and written medical instructions.

Ability to maintain accurate records reflecting health care services provided and client status.

Skill in the use, operation, and maintenance of equipment utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a baccalaureate degree nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities, and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of valid license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Nebraska.

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

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