

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

NATURE OF WORK

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

Work involves public health nursing characterized by the responsibility to provide services to high-risk populations and independently serve as an educator, consultant, and team leader within an assigned program area. Work also includes partnering with health care teams, health care providers, administrators, and human services professionals, as well as faculty and students. Employees in the classification possess a defined area of clinical or public health expertise and practice proficiently within eight domains of core competencies for public health nurses.

The position also is responsible for performing complex nursing assessments independently on an individual, family, and community level and coordinating activities with other team members. Work may involve supervising and coordinating the activities of professional staff within the assigned program area in absence of the supervisor. Supervision is received from an administrative superior.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Acts as a liaison with health providers and community agencies to prevent or resolve health problems in individuals, families, or populations.

Provides leadership and facilitates a team approach to case management, care coordination, referral, and follow-up to individuals and families who are members of a high-risk group.

Organizes schedules and daily work assignments of team members in assigned programs.

Assists in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of programmatic data, recommending opportunities for improvement in the delivery of health services to supervisory staff; assures accurate and timely data collections processes for team in assigned program area.

Provides training, orientation, and education to staff, students, and other professionals in the community regarding program processes, program outcomes, and public health practice.

Collaborates with community partners to promote the health of the population.

Applies basic public health sciences including behavioral and social science, nursing, biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental public health, and prevention of chronic and infectious diseases and injuries as they relate to the provision of service in program area.

Provides input on employee performance evaluations as requested.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS.

Considerable knowledge of public health science, nursing practice, and health care systems.

Considerable knowledge of the principles of disease prevention and control.

Considerable knowledge of current literature and research developments relating to public health and health care.

Considerable knowledge of the health care system structure and function (primary care services, community resources, and private providers).

Considerable knowledge of the various types of equipment and software utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services including information management systems.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with team members, partners, individuals, families, and community groups.

Ability to assure accurate records reflecting health care services provided and client status in program area.

Ability to provide training, orientation, and education to staff, students, and other professionals in the community regarding public health practices.

Ability to delegate and organize assignments of team members within program area.

Ability to educate clients about complex oral and written medical instructions and behavioral change recommendations in a way understandable to the client or caregiver.

Ability to evaluate and communicate the effectiveness of program interventions including identifying, measuring, and trending goal attainment and health outcomes for individuals, families, and populations served.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a baccalaureate degree nursing program (accredited by the National League of Nursing) plus two years of experience in the delivery of public health nursing services or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities, and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a 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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