

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PROFESSIONAL**

**DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, provide a variety of public health nursing clinics and services; provide educational and health counseling in connection with the control and prevention of disease and adverse health conditions; and do related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is contract position in the Public Health Nurse class series. Assignments are performed under guidance and supervision. As experience is gained, incumbents work with greater independence.

**REPORTS TO**

Public Health Director or designee

**CLASSIFICATIONS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED**

None

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

- Completes Public Health Nurse assignments and services.
- Conducts patient assessment, screening, education, and linkage to care.
- Assists with the operations of clinics and satellite COVID-19 immunization sites, assessing and providing immunizations.
- Serves as a patient advocate to assist patients with attaining optimal health care.
- Coordinates health care between patients and care providers.
- Performs case management techniques and methods.
- Works with community groups on local health issues.
- Over-site of all Mono County Public Health COVID-19 testing.
- Assist with covid contact tracing and program over-site.
- Covid education and prevention in congregate living settings
- Keeps records and prepares reports.
- Maintains confidentiality.

**TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Sit for extended periods; frequently stand and walk; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; lift and move object weighing up to 25 pounds; corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; use of audio-visual equipment; use of office equipment including computers, telephones, calculators, copiers, and FAX.

## **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

Work is usually performed in an office or clinic environment; exposure to communicable diseases and bio-hazardous waste; frequent contact with staff and the public. Incumbents may be required to drive in remote areas of the County in all weather conditions.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge of:**

- Principles, methods, and procedures of general nursing and public health nursing.
- Public health issues and problems.
- Causes, means of transmission, and methods of control of communicable diseases.
- Sociological and cultural problems involved in public health nursing.
- Principles of public health education.

### **Ability and willingness to:**

- Learn to educate and work with patients and their families.
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- Learn community resources and demography.
- Follow oral and written instructions.
- Apply Universal Health Care Precautions.
- Assess the physical conditions of patients.
- Make presentations to local community groups and health care providers.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Coordinate assigned activities with community organizations and other government agencies.
- Interview patients and families to gather medical history.
- Determine appropriate resources for clients and make referral to those agencies.
- Work responsibly with medical providers.
- Effectively represent the Health Department.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.
- Use computers.

### **Training and Experience:**

Any combination of training and experience which would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities might be:

Bachelors Degree in Nursing or Health Sciences is preferred but not required.

One (1) year experience as a Registered Nurse, preferably in a public health or clinical setting is highly desirable.

Special Requirements:

- Possession of a valid California Driver's License.
- Possession of an active Registered Nurse (RN) license through the California Board of Registered Nursing.