

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

JOB CODE: 2604
LOCATION: Tioga County Public Health Department
CLASSIFICATION: Competitive
SALARY: CSEA - Salary Grade XV, per Reso 136-01
ADOPTED: Revised 3/97; 5/03, 06/17; 07/19 Tioga Co. Personnel & Civil Service

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An incumbent of this position is responsible for the performance of public health nursing activities including specific tasks as mandated by New York State Public Health Law. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Supervising Public Health Nurse and the Medical Director, or in his/her absence the Director of Public Health. Serves as the Public Health Director's representative on various committees, meetings, etc. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

In addition to performing all the activities of a Registered Professional Nurse, Public Health Nurses may be requested to perform the following types of activities:

- Utilize electronic birth data to provide outreach to mothers of high-risk newborns and make referrals to other agencies/county entities as appropriate.
- Be a resource for maternal/child health information for families with newborns.
- Engage in public health education and outreach regarding public health concerns. Promote disease prevention and improved health within the community.
- Engage in lead Poisoning Prevention by providing outreach to providers and families. Identify and case manage lead poisoned children. Use data to identify at risk populations and geographical areas of risk.
- Provide immunization education and promotion through outreach to medical providers, families and school personnel. Be a resource for vaccination best practices and requirements. Provide direct immunization services to children lacking required vaccinations. Actively work to increase immunization rates in order to protect the health and well-being of all residents.
- Act as liaison with physician's offices, hospitals and other agencies as needed.
- Case management and reassessment as required.
- Participate in quality assurance, continuing education and other activities as requested.
- Serves as the Public Health Director's representative as requested.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of current public health nursing practice; working knowledge of the administrative organization of community agencies; skill in the application of current nursing procedures and techniques of patient care; ability to engage in effective client and community education; ability to plan and coordinate services for individuals, families and groups and supervise nursing personnel assigned to assist with this care; ability to communicate effectively; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; ability to accept and utilize guidance; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State and a Bachelor's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university. Copy of college diploma is required at time of application.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Appointees must satisfactorily complete all applicable training courses approved by the State Health Department within designated time frames.

Possession of a valid driver's license appropriate to the vehicles operated or otherwise demonstrate their ability to meet the transportation needs of the job.

Must be available in the event of a public health emergency.