

## **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 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 or in his/her absence the Deputy Director of Public Health. 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:

- Provide maternal/child health guidance in relation to prenatal/postnatal health, newborn care and development;
- Utilize electronic birth data to provide outreach to mothers of newborns and identify high-risk cases requiring home visits;
- Promote improved health and disease prevention when engaging in off-site visits;
- Make referrals to other agencies/county entities that may provide services needed by the clients, families, groups or providers;
- Promote lead testing to providers and families, identify pockets of lead poisoning cases, proactively prevent further cases and respond to and coordinate education and outreach in response to lead poisonings;
- Lead in immunization education and promotion including working with medical providers, families and school personnel, identify children lacking required immunizations and increase rate of immunized children in county;
- Child Services activities, such as Children with Special Healthcare Needs, Child Find, and CPSE meetings;
- Engage in public health education and outreach regarding Public Health concerns;
- May participate in the conduct of surveys and studies related to public health topics.

**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 REQUIREMENT:**

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

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

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