

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional nursing position in the local health unit responsible for providing nursing assessment and education to clients in the community, public health clinic setting and in the home setting under the Public Health Department. Work is performed under the general direction of the Supervising Community Health Nurse. The position requires independence in the field and substantial specialized judgment and skills. Incumbent is responsible for education programs and presentations to community groups as assigned. Incumbent assists in providing guidance to Community Health Nurses (Public Health) and Registered Professional Nurses. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Licensed Practical Nurses and Home Health Aides.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: *The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.*

Conducts home visits and provides skilled nursing assessment and develops nursing care plans for clients and families admitted to their care for disease and disability care, health and guidance for pregnant women and for newborn care, lead poisoning case management, communicable disease medication management and observation to promote compliance and prevent spread of disease, evaluation of children at risk of developmental delay and other services as needed;

Provides skilled nursing assessment, treatment and care to clients referred to public health clinics for immunization, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing, child health, chronic disease screening, tuberculosis and treatment for any other medical conditions as prescribed by the contracted medical director for the program or the medical consultant

for the Public Health Director;

Provides guidance, instruction and demonstrations in health principles and nursing procedures to promote good health and well being to pregnant women, newborns, young children, post partum women, adolescents, persons infected with communicable disease and any other health related conditions affecting clients;

Leads a team of peers and subordinates in providing nursing care and evaluates the effectiveness of team activities;

Participates in case conferences and discharge conferences and apprizes supervisor of health status of cases;

Communicates with physicians and others involved in the client's care to insure service coordination;

Refers clients to other community agencies as appropriate

Supervises staff in data collection for epidemiological investigations and other studies and surveys as needed;

Promotes disease screening for various types of cancer as well as diabetes, hypertension, tuberculosis and other illnesses through education and outreach;

Compiles records for the documentation of client care and services provided, including time accountability, statistical information and program planning;

Provides group presentations regarding health promotion, disease prevention and public health principles;

Reviews department principles and goals and makes appropriate recommendations for

improvement.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of current nursing practices and community health principles; thorough knowledge of the epidemiological approach to the prevention and control of disease; thorough knowledge of community agencies and resources; ability to plan and coordinate nursing care for individuals and families; ability to follow written and oral instructions; ability to prepare reports and written documentation in an accurate manner; ability to communicate effectively with others; ability to provide direction and guidance to nursing staff; and sound judgment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State **and** a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four (4) year college or university **and** two (2) years clinical experience in home care, acute care or a field related to public/community health.

NOTE: *Please submit proof of degree with application.*

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