

Civil Division: Oneida County Government
Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
EEO Category: Professional
Revised: 05/18/06

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under qualified nursing supervision, a public health nurse shall plan, provide, direct and evaluate nursing care in a variety of settings and offer instruction and guidance in health practice for individuals and families. Supervision may be exercised over others who are assigned to carry out the plans of care. The incumbent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Gives skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments to patients in their homes and clinics, and demonstrates nursing care to patients and families;
Coordinates plans for service with nutritionist, social workers, physical therapists, physicians and other professional workers concerned with individual and family health care;
Counsels and guides individual and families towards self help in recognition and solution of physical, emotional and environmental health problems;
Provides nursing services in clinics and schools;
Teaches classes, addresses groups and participates in community planning related to nursing and health;
Participates in the conduct of surveys and studies related to health matters;
Compiles and uses records, reports and statistical information for evaluation and planning of assigned programs;
May lead a team of peers and subordinates providing nursing care, and evaluates the effectiveness of team activities;
May provide for the continuity of patient care by promoting referral of hospital and clinic patients to appropriate community services.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of current public health nursing practice; working knowledge of the administrative organization of community facilities; skill in the application of current nursing procedures and techniques of patient care; ability to plan and coordinate nursing care 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; ability to perform duties in accordance with ANA Code for Professional Nurses; mental alertness.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, **AND** licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of appointment. License must remain valid throughout appointment, to meet the transportation requirements of the job.

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Title in promotional series: Registered Professional Nurse, Public Health Nurse, Assistant Supervising Public Health Nurse, Supervising Public Health Nurse