

Classification Specification

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE II

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, perform professional nursing services, instruction, and health counseling to individuals, families or groups in homes, clinics and community settings for the purpose of prevention and control of diseases and the promotion of health, and to do other work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the full working level class in the Public Health Nurse career series. Incumbents perform the full scope of public health nursing duties by initiating and carrying out special programs within an assigned caseload or geographical area under limited supervision.

Positions in this class are distinguished from positions in the class of Staff Nurse by the environment in which the work is performed (Staff Nurses typically work in primary care facilities), by the somewhat independent nature of the practice, and by the instructional, educational emphasis of their work and by the educational training in public health.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

1. Plans, organizes and provides nursing services within an assigned specialty, clinic or geographical area.
2. Provides case finding, health counseling and instruction and epidemiological investigation in connection with the prevention and control of disease and the promotion of health.
3. Applies the nursing process of assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation.
4. Provides care and treatment for health problems; carries out physicians orders; administers injections and oral medications applied in the home, clinic or group situation.
5. Refers clients to appropriate resources, agencies and clinics for further evaluation and treatment.
6. Evaluates individual and family situations for problems detrimental to good health; conducts health appraisals and screening.
7. Coordinates care of individuals and families with public and private agencies; confers with physicians, nursing staff, other agencies and community members.
8. Determines special needs of an assigned area; recommends and implements projects to address those needs; participates with community groups in identifying and developing needed public health services.
9. Keeps records, prepares reports, compiles statistical information.

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QUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Title 17 of the California Administrative Code, possession of a license in active status, to practice as a registered nurse in California and possession of a Public Health Nursing Certificate.

One year of responsible professional experience in public health nursing.

Or an equivalent combination of education and experience to satisfactorily perform these duties.

Thorough knowledge of:

1. Principles, methods and practices of public health nursing.
2. Community aspects of nursing programs including provisions for continuity of patient care, nursing services in health programs and nursing care in the home.

Working knowledge of:

1. The use of community resources for assistance in public health programs.
2. Federal, state and local laws and regulations governing public health.
3. Epidemiologic investigation, control and care of chronic and communicable diseases and illness, handicapping conditions, mental illness and other disabling conditions.
4. Environmental, sociological and psychological problems associated with public health nursing clients and families.
5. Normal and abnormal human physiological development and behavior patterns.
6. Prevention, detection, reporting and treatment of child abuse and neglect.
7. Principles and procedures involved with family planning, venereal disease control, maternal and child health and communicable diseases.

Some knowledge of:

1. Principles of mental health.
2. Current literature and trends in community health.
3. Teaching principles and techniques.

Skill to:

1. Analyze information and draw logical conclusions.
2. Speak effectively to address groups and individuals.

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3. Write to prepare reports and records.
4. Follow oral and written instructions.
5. Develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
6. Use common medical instructions.
7. Manage an assigned caseload.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid California Class 3 driver's license is required by date of hire.

CLASS HISTORY

Class Code:	52E22	Bargaining Unit:	H
Established:	May 1988	EEO Class:	P
Revised:	August 2000	Overtime Status:	N

Approved by:

Date