DIETARY TECHNICIAN (PUBLIC HEALTH)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is technical work involving responsibility for assisting in the assessment, evaluation, planning and implementation of nutritional care programs for clients in the Women's, Infants and Children (WIC) program administered by the Department of Health. The work differs from that of a Dietary Technician in the population served, the setting in which the work is performed and the goals of the program. The work is performed under the supervision of a Nutritionist. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:
Screens applicants for residency and financial eligibility;
Reviews medical referral forms to identify nutritional risk eligibility criteria;
Determines client immunization status;
Completes dietary intake form to identify inadequate dietary patterns;
Plots growth charts and weight gain grids;
Assists clients in the completion of the WIC certification form;
Provides orientation to new enrollees;
Provides individual and group nutrition education to clients in accordance with procedures,
   policies and information developed by a nutritionist;
Performs clerical tasks associated with the WIC program (e.g. makes appointments,
   prepares and distributes checks, prepares basic reports).
Prepares nutrition education materials, posters and displays.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:
Good knowledge of eligibility requirements for public health nutrition programs; working knowledge of the principles and practices of nutrition and dietetics, especially with respect to public health nutrition programs; ability to provide information to clients about nutrition program goals; ability to understand and carry out basic instructions; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: An Associate's degree or higher in a field related to Dietetics (e.g. Food and Nutrition, Dietetics, Dietetic Technology, Food Services Administration, etc.).

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