

## **NUTRITIONIST II (PUBLIC HEALTH)**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is primarily professional nutrition work of a moderately complex nature involving a responsibility for overseeing and participating in a nutrition education program involving high-risk education/counseling. The work differs from that of a Nutritionist (Public Health) in the complexity of assignments and the level of independent judgment exercised. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level Public Health professional and work guidance (e.g. lead work) may be provided to others. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Provides high-risk nutrition evaluation, education and/or counseling for WIC participants;  
Conducts internal quality assurance reviews of Substance Abuse Program to ensure all pregnant postpartum breastfeeding participants are screened for alcohol/substance use;  
Makes referrals to a substance abuse/alcohol treatment program, as appropriate;  
Documents all high-risk criteria/contact/intervention for each participant;  
Implements monitoring procedures to ensure information submitted on certification forms is accurate and complete and exceeds required reporting rate;  
Conducts quality assurance reviews of high-risk participant charts, twice yearly, for compliance with protocols and performance standards;  
Implements and documents procedures to ensure resolution of problems identified;  
Develops scheduling system to assure that high-risk participants are scheduled for nutrition counseling;  
Completes and maintains a high-risk participant log to document name, ID, and high-risk category of participants identified, as well as number of contacts;  
Develops policies and procedures manual for high-risk intervention program/update as needed;

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Thorough knowledge of modern principles and practices of nutrition and dietetics, including menu planning, marketing, preparation of food, etc., especially as related to high-risk clients; good knowledge of current sources of information and literature on nutrition; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with high-risk clients and staff; ability to express oneself orally and in writing, especially as related to imparting nutritional information to appropriate groups and individuals.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** A Master's degree in Food and Nutrition, or comparable curriculum, (e.g. Dietetics, Dietetic Technology, Clinical Dietetics, Community Dietetics) and two (2) years of professional experience in nutrition or related area, one (1) year of which must have been in a community and/or clinic nutrition setting involving counseling in therapeutic diets and registration as a Dietician (or eligibility for registration) by the American Dietetic Association.

**NOTE:** A Bachelor's degree in Food and Nutrition, or comparable curriculum (e.g. Dietetics, Dietetic Technology, Clinical Dietetics, Community Dietetics) and one (1) additional year of the required general experience may be substituted for the Master's degree.

**PROMOTION:** One (1) year of permanent status as a Nutritionist (Public Health).