

## **PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is entry-level professional public health education work involving responsibility for performing a variety of teaching, training, and instruction activities with patients at public health clinics, as well as the general population, regarding public health issues. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level administrator. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Meets with community groups and directs educational efforts to influence public attitudes and behavior with regard to health needs;  
Conducts information sessions at public health clinics to orient new patients to the basics of health maintenance;  
Participates in studies and surveys of public health education needs in the community;  
Assists program director with statistical evaluation of program, writing of reports, budget preparation, etc.;  
Prepares news releases and materials for media;  
Establishes and maintains liaison with community and governmental agencies to provide understanding and support of clinic services;  
Solicits, screens, and evaluates new educational materials.

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

Good knowledge of the basic principles, practices, and techniques of public health education; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to prepare reports; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with others including community agencies and diverse ethnic groups.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. A Bachelor's degree or higher in Health Education, Health Science, Public Health, Health Promotion, Community Health, Health Communication, Education, Nursing, Epidemiology, Wellness and Fitness, Nutrition, or comparable curriculum and one (1) year of post-degree experience in health education; or
2. A Bachelor's degree or higher in Marketing, Human Services, Social Work or Psychology, or comparable curriculum, and two (2) years of post-degree experience in health education.

**NOTE:** Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) certification may be substituted for one (1) year of the required experience.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation to meet field work requirements in a timely and efficient manner.