

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional nursing work of a complex nature involving the performance of a variety of public health nursing activities, including assessing nursing needs and implementing the plan of care for individuals and families plan of care development and implementation, counseling on health issues for patients and families in clinic and in-home settings. The work is performed under the general direction of a higher-level public health nursing professional and work guidance (e.g. lead work) may be provided to paraprofessional and clerical staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Provides skilled professional nursing care to patients in their homes and in clinics, and demonstrates nursing care to patients and families;
Provides counseling to individuals and families on a wide variety of health issues including HIV, STD's, TB, prenatal and child care;
Provides nursing services in clinics and schools;
Teaches classes, addresses groups and participates in community planning related to nursing health;
Participates in the conduct of surveys and studies related to public health matters;
Compiles and uses records, reports and statistical information for evaluation and planning of assigned programs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of current public health nursing practice; good knowledge of public health nursing, including communicable disease, immunization, child development, prenatal care, etc.; working knowledge of community resources and referral procedures; ability to perform nursing procedures; ability to coordinate patient care in a clinic and/or in-home setting; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to perform patient assessments; ability to establish cooperative relationships with diverse cultural groups.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A Bachelor's degree or higher in Nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State-registered (four-year) college or university and one (1) year of paid, professional nursing experience, performed under nursing supervision, in a state or federally licensed hospital, agency or institution and
2. Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse issued by the New York State Department of Education at the time of permanent appointment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse issued by the New York State Department of Education must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.
2. Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation to meet field work requirements in a timely and efficient manner.