

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Wasatch County Health Department seeks full-time Public Health Nurse. Grade 21 (\$23.08-\$26.54) plus competitive benefit package. This position performs RN licensed nurse services as required in public health clinics with primary focus being on immunizations. Requires Bachelor's Degree in nursing from an accredited college or university plus two (2) years of work experience as a registered nurse. Wasatch County Employment Applications and complete job description are available from the Wasatch County Personnel Office 55 S 500 E Heber City UT or online at www.wasatch.utah.gov. Completed applications with resume and copies of licensure must be submitted to the Personnel Office by 5:00 PM, Friday, April 21, 2017. Wasatch County is an EOE.

WASATCH COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Public Health Nurse

GRADE NUMBER: Grade 21 \$23.08-\$26.54

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 28, 2001 Revised (03/2017)

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

JOB SUMMARY

Performs community nursing services in public health clinics and private homes according to assigned area of responsibility. Emphasis is placed on immunizations.

STEP AND GRADE CHARACTERISTICS

This is the primary licensed nursing classification level.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

CLINIC SERVICES

Participates in various health clinics covering topics such as, immunizations of children and adults, International travel consultation, TB testing, evaluation and treatment, STD testing evaluation and treatment, communicable disease, home visit to evaluate infants, children and mother, cancer screening, health coaching and blood pressure and other screening measures.

Provides information to, and counsels with patients about health issues.

Visits homes as needed to obtain information, to educate, and to counsel.

Maintains updated information on current public health issues and educates the public about many areas of public health through lectures, health fairs, in services, etc.

Charts progress of clients in an electronic medical record and coordinates medical contracts as needed.

Attends in-service training, conferences, and seminars thereby continuing education and increasing professional knowledge.

Reads professional articles and studies appropriate materials to share with patients in need.

Assists in completing Medicaid process including referrals.

Assist other public nurses in their assigned areas of responsibility.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND TRAVEL CLINIC

Promote and educated Wasatch County residents on the importance of immunizations.

Provide immunizations and have understanding of the vaccine schedules

Maintain inventory of vaccines, and practice vaccine storage and handling measures.

Provided education to the international travel client and provide them with important immunizations and medications for their trip.

Attend meetings with the University of Utah's infectious disease department on a quarterly basis to learn about indigenous diseases around the world.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Provide TB testing and work with individuals who need education about the disease. Also provide evaluation of health, and treatment and monitoring of TB patients.

Have an understanding of communicable disease and provide STD testing, treatment education and monitoring.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICE

Provide physical, mental, and social-emotional assessment of women.

Provide education on health, nutrition, and breastfeeding.

Educate pre-natal women on fetal growth, common problems, and signs and symptoms of early labor and warning signs in pregnancy.

Ensures client is receiving appropriate prenatal care from a medical practitioner.

Provide information on labor and delivery as well a newborn care.

Perform pregnancy testing. Provide intramuscular injections for birth control, estrogen replacement, and treatment of STD

Assess height, weight, and blood pressures. Perform screening labs to identify diabetes and hypocholesteremia. Help women develop goals to improve their health. Provide referral to community resources.

INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

Visits private homes and provide physical, mental, and social-emotional assessments of infants and children. Provide referrals to health providers and community resources. Assess home environment for infant and child safety and provide safety education to parents. Assesses risk factors of families; helps families deal with psychological issues and refer to mental health providers as indicated. Assess achievement of developmental milestones. Assess infant development progress by observing health and nutrition history, feeding behavior, reflex assessment, and other developmental indicators. Measures height, weight, hearing, blood pressure and other lab values. Monitors high-risk or developmentally delayed infants for appropriate referrals and early intervention. Makes a record of all home visits, service plans, assessments, and contacts. Coordinates care activities with other agencies who serve the same population.

SCHOOL

Provides support and education to Wasatch School District concerning immunizations, communicable disease, and other related topics. Consults with teachers, parents, and students about controlling the spread of communicable diseases.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Ability to establish rapport with those contacted in the course of work activities. Skill in written and verbal communication. Skill in emergency, first aid, and CPR procedures including injections, venipuncture, and use of health screening equipment. Skill in dealing with psycho-social issues. Knowledge of current health issues. Ability to maintain organized and accurate medical records. Ability to teach health issues and lead discussions for large and small groups. Knowledge of local medical services available to appropriately assist clients.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Typically sit at a desk or table. Regularly walk, stand, or stoop. Occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects weighing up to 25 pounds. Use tools and equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity. Regularly drives a motor vehicle. Work for sustained periods of time maintaining concentrated attention to detail. Need to distinguish between shades of color.

Accommodation may be made for some of these physical demands for otherwise qualified individuals who require and request such accommodation.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is performed in an office, library, computer room, clinic, or other environmentally controlled room. Work requires frequent contact with the public which exposes incumbent to others' illnesses and to possible high-stress or dangerous situations including confrontational, emotionally charged, or uncomfortable circumstances. Work exposes incumbent to contagious and/or infectious diseases or hazardous chemicals and requires the use of protective devices such as masks, goggles, and gloves. Work exposes incumbent to contagious or infectious diseases or hazardous chemicals.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's Degree in nursing from an accredited college or university plus two (2) years of work experience as a registered nurse.

LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION

Must possess a State of Utah Registered Nurse license, CPR and first aid certifications. Must possess a valid State of Utah driver's license.

**This description lists the major duties and requirements of the job and is not all-inclusive. Incumbent(s) may be expected to perform job-related duties other than those contained in this document and may be required to have specific job-related knowledge and skills.