

# **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE INTAKE/EPIDEMIOLOGY/CASE MANAGEMENT**

## **DEFINITION**

Under general direction, will be concentrated in general public health intake, assessment and referral. Will also perform epidemiological and case management public health nursing duties. Performs related duties as required.

## **EXAMPLES OF INTAKE DUTIES**

Primarily initiated through telephone contact, provide information, referral and/or coordination for/to public health services covering such areas as child nutrition, breastfeeding, child development, lead poisoning, pregnancy information, communicable disease control, low cost health care, food pantries, and Healthy Start outreach, delivers clinic services including immunizations, blood pressure screening, vision and hearing screening, diabetes assessment, TB skin testing, lead poisoning screening and assessment; records and organizes confidential data and client information; assesses need and where appropriate, arranges transportation for clients; as intake needs permit, provides HealthCheck outreach services such as notifying individuals of their eligibility and making referrals for these services.

## **EXAMPLE OF EPIDEMIOLOGIC DUTIES**

Provide communicable disease consultation, including immunization information, to division staff; assists in compiling and maintaining information on communicable disease resources and other communicable disease information for students, parents, school staff, health professionals, human services providers, the media and the general public; provides acute and communicable disease surveillance, investigation, and control services per applicable state statutes; conducts case and contact investigations including interviews to trace/identify infection carriers/sources; provides disease intervention through referral for diagnosis, testing and/or screening treatment/prevention, immunization, prophylaxis, and education/consultation at workplace, day care, home and other locations to ensure adequate resolution of infection.

## **EXAMPLE OF CASE MANAGEMENT DUTIES**

Provides public health nursing services in homes, clinics and other sites, may provide direction to division paraprofessional staff members.

## **EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS**

Education and Experience: Bachelor's degree in nursing from a college or university accredited by the National League of Nursing for public health nursing and one year of public health nursing experience, which included the prevention, surveillance and control of communicable diseases or communicable disease epidemiology.

Knowledge and Abilities: Advanced knowledge of public health nursing principles and practices; knowledge of community resources and how to utilize them; ability to work independently and assess own practice; excellent interpersonal relations ability; ability to collect and organize data, make meaningful findings from such data and related reports; ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Special Requirements: Possession of or eligibility for a Wisconsin driver's license and access to reliable personal motor vehicle transportation.