

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SUPERVISOR-EPIDEMIOLOGY

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, assesses public health needs in the area of communicable disease control, develops service delivery plans to meet identified needs, implements communicable disease control services, and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided; supervises assigned service delivery and support staff; establishes effective community relationships; and performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Performs needs assessment, program planning, implementation and evaluation in the area of communicable disease control; meets with relevant community organizations to establish effective working relationships and necessary program linkages and to present information; participates in the development of agency policies and programs in the area of communicable disease control; provides case/contact investigation and follow-up for communicable diseases; provides ongoing communicable disease control surveillance activities; implements outbreak control programs and provides outbreak control services; plans, implements and evaluates a program of primary prevention and health education in the area of communicable disease control; provides professional consultation in communicable disease control to county departments, county service agencies, physicians, nursing homes, emergency medical services and other health care and service providers as well as to businesses, schools, other organizations and to the general public; prepares surveillance and case reports according to State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services guidelines; with assistance, determine appropriate staffing levels necessary to provide necessary services; analyzes unit operations from efficiency and effectiveness standpoints and develops policies and procedures specific to communicable disease control; assigns work, schedules work and supervises work including performance evaluation for staff assigned to communicable disease control program.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education and Experience: A Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from a National League for Nursing accredited college or university; a Masters Degree in public health, public health nursing or equivalent graduate education which included graduate level epidemiology training; one year of experience in generalized public health nursing and two years of experience in communicable disease epidemiology.

Knowledges and Abilities: Comprehensive knowledge and expertise in the practice of communicable disease epidemiology; working knowledge of public health programs and public health sciences; ability to plan and conduct educational and training programs; ability to exercise leadership; knowledge of effective management practices and principles; ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; ability to prepare and interpret statistical reports; ability to manage computer data systems in the area of communicable disease control; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; ability to establish and maintain effective public relations.

Special Requirements: A current Wisconsin license to practice as a registered professional nurse or eligibility for such registration. A valid Wisconsin driver's license and access to personal transportation.