

NURSE SPECIALIST - PUBLIC HEALTH

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Work in this class involves specialized nursing work in a local health department. Employees are responsible for planning and implementing a program for comprehensive and continuing health care for defined special groups who need specialized care and treatment. Employees provide orientation, consultation and in-service education for other public health nurses and various community agencies, groups and allied professions. Direct nursing care is provided by employees through nursing assessments and appraisals and the implementation and evaluation of the patient's plan of care. Assignments are carried under the supervision of a Public Health Nurse Director or project chief and work is evaluated periodically for adherence to accepted nursing practices and for project success.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES PERFORMED

Plans for the nursing assessment and care for special groups in the home, clinic, school, hospital, day care center and nursing homes or any community agency for continuity and comprehensive of care. Demonstrates expert nursing techniques for school nurses, public health nurses and other agencies providing health care. Teaches in-service courses to all nursing staff including administrative, supervisory and licensed practical nurses. Assess patients to determine physical and emotional problems. Evaluates performance of individual nursing personnel in providing the nursing component of health services for the special groups. Continually evaluates nursing service to determine if project or agency objectives are meeting the approved criteria.

RECRUITMENT STANDARDS

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Thorough knowledge and ability to apply the principles and practices in the area of specialty in public health.
Thorough knowledge of current social and economic problems relating to public health.
Thorough knowledge of resources and organizations for public health work.
Thorough knowledge of and ability to apply education methods and training techniques related to specialized area of practice in public health.
Ability to deal tactfully with others and exercise good judgment in appraising situations and making decisions.
Ability to counsel, guide, assign, and supervise the work of others.

Minimum Education and Experience

Master's degree in area of nursing specialty from a program accrediting by the National league for Nursing or American Public Health Association, and three years experience, one of which would be in area of specialty in a public health agency, hospital, clinic, or other health care facility.

Special Requirement

Eligible for licensure to practice as a registered professional nurse in North Carolina.

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