

# CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

### DEFINITION

This is professional public health nursing work with individuals, families, and service providers assessing needs, investigating communicable disease, and coordinating services.

**This description may not include all of the duties, knowledge, skills, or abilities associated with this classification.**

### EXAMPLES OF WORK

Utilizes the nursing processes (assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation) to provide program specific and/or population-based services, including the Federal WIC program.

Investigates and assesses medical needs of at risk individuals in the community, including those affected by diseases of Public Health Significance.

Provides case management services including assessment of the needs of the client/family, development of a plan of care, referral to services, monitoring, and follow-up.

Participates in planning, developing, evaluating and monitoring of programs, services, and contracts.

Assesses nursing and personal care needs of individuals and families; develops and approves service plans, coordinates services, and makes referrals as appropriate.

Provides services to the citizens of Clinton County, including Immunizations, TB Screening, STI Screening, Lead Testing, and other services as appointed.

Provides program specific education to professionals and consumers.

Provides technical assistance and consultation to department staff, other agencies, health care professionals, providers, and consumers.

Serves as liaison with other agencies.

Coordinates interdisciplinary services utilizing advanced nursing expertise.

Prepares reports, correspondence, and maintains records according to established guidelines.

Exercises independence and judgment; receives general administrative direction; work is reviewed for attainment of objectives and conformance with prescribed policies and procedures.

Performs other related work as assigned.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (KSAs)

Comprehensive knowledge of principles and practices of professional and public health nursing.

Intermediate knowledge of services of other agencies dealing with the health and welfare of individuals and communities.

Intermediate knowledge of surveillance and principles of epidemiology.

Intermediate knowledge of the principles of evidence-based decision making.

Ability to practice within the scope of the Nursing Practice Act.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees, professionals, and consumers.

Ability to understand and interpret basic data.

Ability to present effective education to individuals and groups using principles of adult learning.

Ability to develop and adapt approaches to problems that take into account cultural differences.

Ability to communicate effectively.

Ability to utilize basic technology, including pc based computers and other personal computing devices and software, including tablets, web-based email, word processing, excel spreadsheets, and electronic medical records software.

#### **NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

Possession of a current license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Missouri at the time of appointment.

Possession of a valid driver's license.

#### **EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in Nursing; and, One or more years of experience as a registered nurse.

OR

An Associate degree from an accredited college or university in Nursing or nursing diploma; and, Four or more years of experience as a registered nurse.

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