

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

NATURE OF WORK

Performs skilled professional nursing work in a clinic or in the community, as part of a comprehensive public health nursing program aimed at the prevention of disease and rehabilitation of the sick and disabled. The work is performed under general supervision of the Supervising Nurse, within the limitations of Arizona Revised Statutes, Arizona Department of Health Services Regulations, the State Board of Nursing and the policies and procedures of the Graham County Health Department.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Performs nursing services during scheduled office or field clinics as assigned; promotes and maintains the health of individuals, families, and communities through teaching, counseling, and applying appropriate preventive and rehabilitative measures and services; investigates communicable disease outbreaks, including the gathering of related data and submitting appropriate specimen for laboratory analysis; maintains client records, compiles data, and writes reports as required; may administer services for public health program contracts as assigned; may accomplish data entry for client records related to public health programs; provides nursing services to school systems, i.e., immunizations; participates in staff meetings and other community meetings to keep abreast of trends in public health nursing; performs other duties as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of nursing practices; knowledge of the principles and practices of public health nursing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other staff members, representatives of other agencies and the general public; ability to give skilled nursing care to patients; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to make decisions; ability to assess nursing needs and to develop and implement nursing care plans, ability to operate modern office equipment, including computers and related software.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Possession of and the ability to maintain a current license in good standing as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of Arizona; possession of a valid Arizona driver's license, with a history of safe driving and the ability to maintain a safe driving record.

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