

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

**Primary Purpose:** This is a professional public health nursing position that will work with individuals, families, and service providers, including other medical professionals to assess needs, develop plans of care, and coordination of services of individuals living in Perry County, Missouri. Perry County Health Department is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer, as well as an at will employer. All services are provided on a nondiscriminatory basis. Must possess and maintain a license as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse from the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

**Supervision:** Under the general supervision of the Director.

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

### **Description of Work:**

Essential Functions-

- Utilizes the nursing processes (assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation) to provide program specific and/or population-based services; including but not limited to vaccination guidelines and protocols.
- Investigates and assesses medical needs of at-risk individuals in the community.
- 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.
- Prepares reports and correspondence and maintains records according to established guidelines.
- Provides program specific education to professionals and consumers in the community.
- Customarily and regularly exercises discretion and independent judgement; receives general administrative direction; work is reviewed for attainment of objectives and conformance with prescribed policies and procedures.
- Continued education is required to inform, educate, and empower people of Perry County, Missouri about health issues and best practices.
- Must be able to work 40 hours a week.
- Performs other related work as assigned.

### **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

- Valid driver's license and auto insurance.
- Reliable transportation.
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from an accredited college or university **OR** with an Associate Degree in Nursing **OR** completion of a Nursing Program at an accredited diploma school of Nursing

- Must possess and maintain a license as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse from the Missouri State Board of Nursing.
- Experience with immunization administration and schedules.
- Knowledge of communicable disease and willingness to be a part of COVID-19 response.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a current license to practice as a registered nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse in the state of Missouri in good standing.**

- Certified in First Aid and CPR.

**ABILITIES:**

- Ability to prepare and maintain records, charts and reports.
- Ability to maintain patience and tact in dealing with patients, families and the public.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective courteous working relationships with staff and management of Perry County Health Department, other medical professionals and the general public.
- Work as a member of a team in carrying out Perry County Health Department's stated mission and philosophy.
- Perform the essential functions of the job without posing a direct threat to Perry County Health Department and the safety of others.
- Ability to practice within the scope of the Nursing Practice Act.
- Ability to grasp the knowledge of the principles of epidemiology.
- Ability to grasp the knowledge of evidence-based decision making.
- Ability to understand and interpret basic data.
- Ability to evaluate bio-psycho-social aspects of individuals, families, or communities and factors influencing the use of health services.
- Ability to learn, use and apply basic technology and computer skills.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Perform bending and reaching to both ground level and overhead.
- Lifts, pushes and pulls objects up to and greater than 30 pounds.
- Carry items up to 15 pounds, periodically.
- Hold and grip objects.

**WORKING ENVIRONMENT:**

- Primarily indoors, with heating and cooling regulated in a general office environment; may be subjected to extreme weather conditions when traveling to patient homes; maybe subjected to extreme levels of noise.

**MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must provide transportation to off-site locations.
- Must be available to work irregular hours, as needed.
- Must complete annual continuing education as specified by licensure or required by other programs.