

CHESPROCOTT HEALTH DISTRICT

POSITION: **Public Health Nurse**
REPORTS TO: Public Health Specialist
POSITION: Full Time/Salary

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POSITION SUMMARY:

This is a public health nursing position that will provide public health nursing services within the health district. The work involves a wide array of preventative health and health promotion programs aimed at increasing the healthy lifespan of all residents in the health district. The position requires working independently.

EXAMPLES OF JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provides public health preventative medical clinics that may include STD clinics, international travel clinic, school-age children's immunizations and adult immunization clinic, tuberculosis testing, annual influenza immunization clinic, blood pressure and other vaccines as needed due to public health emergencies.
- Assess community, family, and individual health behaviors, environmental elements detrimental to health, community resources available for risk reduction, disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation.
- Applies epidemiological concepts to describe trends and to estimate the magnitude of risk of illness
- Forms hypotheses regarding community assessment data to develop nursing services.
- Plans specific nursing actions unique to clients needs, including prioritization of services and program objectives and planning intervention strategies based on data analysis, knowledge of change theory, and community expectations.
- Provides skilled care to individuals, according to standing medical orders and/or health regulations.
- Participates in groups prevention including nutrition, safety, infection control, mental health, dental health, physical fitness, human growth and development, hygiene, health resources in the community and interpretation of health regulations and/or medical plan care.
- Serves as a link in communication network between community organizations and clients.
- Functions as a health advocate for the community and acts as a catalyst for community change.
- Consults with personnel in day-care centers, schools, worksites, group homes, shelters, elderly housing units, long-term care facilities, and other settings to develop effective programs which promote the health of special populations.
- Evaluate responses of the community, family and individual to interventions.
- Participates in evaluation of policies, procedures, personnel, physical plant, and equipment
- Participates in evaluation of nursing process through peer review
- May assist and collaborate with community including peers, health professionals, community leaders and clients in the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation process involving health services.
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- Assumes responsibility for professional development to achieve mastery of knowledge, values and skills required for community-based nursing care and contributions to the professional growth of others.
- Participates in public health emergency preparedness training and activities
- Medical direction is provided by the Medical Director and the Director of Health
- Conducts health education and case management for children identified with elevated blood lead and coordinates with the Public Health Specialist. Enter information on MAVEN.
- Confers with the Public Health Specialist in the development and planning of health education programs.
- Works in partnership with the Public Health Specialist in planning public health education activities for community organizations, Senior Centers and professional groups.
- Participates in conferences and meetings for the promotion of public health nursing.
- Conducts periodic public health needs assessment and recommends program development to address identified needs.
- Responds by telephone, in person, and in writing to persons seeking health information, regarding health rules and regulations, specific complaints and other community health problems.
- Partners with the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator as an “on-call” resource and support for the emergency needs of the communities.
- **All Chesprocott Health District employees have an emergency response role and may be expected to respond to threats to the public’s health;** these may include, but are not limited to, requirements to work longer hours, nights or weekends, and to perform duties different than the daily routine.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND OTHER JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.
- Must be as a State of Connecticut licensed Registered Nurse (RN)
- Must have five (5) years’ experience in public health fields such as communicable diseases, maternal and child health programs, health education or related public health nursing work experience.
- Communicates efficiently both verbally and in written form.
- Shows initiative, enthusiasm and creativity
- Deals effectively with other health officials, public officials, and the general public
- Works cooperatively with his/her supervisor and other staff members
- Must be competent in Word, PowerPoint, Outlook and willing to train on other platforms.
- Must have a valid driver’s license.
- Willing to train and pass FEMA Incident Command System #100 within three months of employment

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be willing to periodically undergo tests or immunizations for communicable diseases.
- Must be willing to be trained and train staff on personal protective equipment.
- Must be willing to work occasional nights, weekends, or holidays.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- This position must wear appropriate attire based on the exposure risk.
- Must be fitted for a N95 mask yearly

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to engage in kneeling, reaching, standing, walking, lifting, grasping, feeling, writing, and other repetitive motions.
- Occasional movement of up to 20 pounds to move objects.
- Vision ability must be sufficient to read and complete written and typed correspondence and operate a motor vehicle.
- Hearing and speaking ability sufficient to carry on a conversation with other individuals in person and on the phone.
- Performs highly complex and varied tasks requiring independent knowledge, its application to a variety of situations, as well as exercise of independent judgment.