

Public Health Registered Nurse

Classification Number 6045

Series Concept:

Provides nursing consultative services in public health nursing to community health agencies and professional organizations and to related programs, or in school nursing in public school districts;

Counsels local health personnel in planning programs and distribution of nursing services according to local health needs;

Participates with program management in planning, implementing and evaluating public health programs;

Organizes and conducts evaluations of public health and public school health services throughout the State and participates with program directors and/or school districts in planning, implementing, and evaluating public health programs.

Through local health departments, collaborates with citizen groups and health personnel in studying, assessing, planning, and implementing community health programs;

Writes educational materials relative to public health and nursing for use in State programs or in public school districts, or for publication;

Promotes educational programs for nurses throughout the State and participates in planning and conducting educational programs related to nursing service;

Distinguishing Features:

This is a single classification and not part of a series of classes.

Minimum Qualifications and Skills:

Education – A Master's degree either in Nursing, Public Health or a health field, including Public Health coursework. Public health coursework should include, or be supplemented by approved curriculum in public health from a university program approved by the Council on Education for Public Health.

Experience – Four years' of nursing experience with two years of experience in public health nursing in an administrative, supervisory, consultant or teaching capacity.

Note: A Baccalaureate degree in Nursing plus 5 years of nursing experience, with two years of experience in public health nursing in an administrative, supervisory, consultant or teaching capacity may substitute for the Master's requirement above.

Certification/Licensure - Current Oregon State RN Licensure.

Knowledge and Skills:

Demonstrated positive interpersonal and communication skills with colleagues, patients, families, providers, physicians and the community;

Public health and other professional nursing principles and practices;

Knowledge of community organizations, resources and facilities related to public health, and skill in creating partnerships with these entities;

Effective teaching techniques;

Public Health programs, laws and regulations;

Principles and practices of organization, administration and supervision;

Research and study methods, report preparation.

Ability to evaluate nursing service in community settings, to suggest and stimulate local public and private cooperation and support for effective nursing services.