

**Erie County Health Department
Erie County Community Health Center
Job Posting #2022-07
Equal Opportunity Employer**

Position: Licensed Practical Nurse - Institutions

Division: Public Health Nursing

Contact Person: Kari Swenson, Human Resources

Salary: Commensurate with experience (Pay Range: \$18.50 - \$26.00)

Working Hours: Full Time & Part Time - 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Sunday through Saturday
Rotational weekends, on call, evening hours, & holidays required based on Agency need.

Start Date: Immediate Opening

Posting Date: Monday, January 3, 2022

Closing Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. or until filled

Qualifications

- Requires current licensure as a licensed practical nurse issued by the Ohio Board of Nursing pursuant to Section 4723.09.
- One year of experience in nursing preferred.
- Must have current certified health care provider CPR.
- Valid Ohio driver's license, current certificate of vehicle insurance, and access to reliable transportation to all assigned work locations.
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) 100.b, 700.a, and 200.c certification within one month of employment.

Major Responsibilities

Promotes and supports public health to correctional institutions by providing a variety of nursing services such as providing direct care; answering phones; interviewing inmates/residents to establish services needed; establishing and maintaining data files and medical records; initiates patient centered medical home (PCMH) and patient referral systems of care; and drafting and editing documents such as correspondence. Provides nursing services in an institutional setting with comprehensive service delivery and a full spectrum of care across adolescent and adult lifecycles.

Essential Functions

Under general supervision and/or as part of the Public Health Nursing team, performs the following functions within the framework of the Erie County Health Department and the Erie County Community Health Center's provision of the core functions and essential services of public health:

- Provides direct nursing care as ordered by physician/certified nurse practitioner under general supervision of a supervisor. (Direct nursing care may include but not limited to administration of medication, assessments, personal care, and medical treatments.)
- Instruct inmates/residents on health care matters, disease prevention, and care of common health problems.
- Participates in development and implementation of the plan of care.
- Reports observations to the Director of Public Health Nursing.
- Documents all activities and finds in accordance with agency policies.
- Prepares and maintains records and reports.
- Assists with general operations; i.e., record keeping, data collection, and inventory supplies.
- Participates in continuing education programs and self-directed education to keep skills and knowledge current.
- Under the guidance of the Director of Nursing, provides direct, skilled nursing services to provide a wide variety of services.
- Assists and utilizes the nursing process to identify special health care needs.
- Collects specimens for diagnostic testing.
- Collaborates with other staff to implement necessary care.
- Acts as a health advocate for individuals, families, and the community.
- Investigates communicable diseases.

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- Provides specialized and/or technical agency and program specific information that requires limited interpretation of established policies, procedures and other relevant sources to internal and/or external customers.
- Greets and directs clients to the appropriate office within the Agency.
- Interview internal and/or external customers to establish program-specific documentation and/or identify services needed.
- Shares responsibility for proper maintenance and operation of office machines.
- Obtains and completes appropriate patient forms, ensures patient confidentiality and maintains orderly medical records. Follows established public health medical records policies and procedures as well as the State and Federal laws that govern the release of health care information.
- Duplicates, collates, scans, assembles, and files materials as requested.
- Maintains paper filing system.
- Relates public health science skills to the Core Public Health Functions and Ten Essential Services of Public Health.
- Provides public health information and data with individuals, community groups, other agencies, internal customers, and the general public about physical, behavioral, environmental, social, economic and other issues affecting the public's health.
- Under general supervision, prepares public health documents and reports.
- Adheres to Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards relevant to job duties, such as exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
- Must follow all safety policies and procedures to ensure an accident-free workplace.
- Provides technical support to Agency activities related to development and implementation of community health assessment, planning, program, and policy development and implementation activities.
- Adheres to ethical principles in the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of data and information.
- Maintains, updates, and uses computerized data management systems and utilizes informatics to improve program operations.
- Collaborates in the development of and provides technical support to Agency's quality improvement performance management, and evaluation activities.
- Answers telephones; screens call, responds to inquiries and/or refers callers to appropriate agencies or divisions.
- Under general supervision, composes, drafts, types and/or word processes, proofreads and edits documents, contracts, and/or correspondence to ensure these conform to the appropriate use of the English language and established procedures.
- Processes mail and email by attaching related correspondence or information before forwarding, responding to mail when appropriate; respond to mail that can be handled personally; identifies priority and/or time-sensitive matters; and maintains security and confidentiality.
- Utilizes appropriate methods for interacting effectively and professionally with persons of all ages and from diverse cultural, socioeconomic, educational, racial, and ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, lifestyles and physical abilities.
- Adheres to ethical principles and Erie County Health Department policy in the collection, maintenance, use and dissemination of data and information.
- Performs all administrative and technical activities related to Public Health Nursing Division and/or program purchasing according to Agency policies and procedures.
- Performs accurate numerical calculations, and/or other applications.
- Performs public health emergency response duties as assigned and consistent with job classification and training provided, in response to threats to the public's health.
- Participates in Agency and community emergency response training and drills in support of disaster preparedness consistent with job classification.
- This position will be responsible for using quality improvement (QI) and performance management (PM) processes and/or techniques to improve the effectiveness of the public health programs. This includes, but is not limited to: creating, implementing, and evaluating performance standards and identifying, implementing, and assessing program quality improvement processes.
- Assumes responsibility for own professional growth and development by pursuing education, participating in professional committees and work groups and contributing to a work environment where continual improvements in practice are pursued.
- Performs other duties as assigned consistent with job classification.
- Greets visitors in a friendly, competent, professional and informed manner.
- Eases any concerns or distress visitors may exhibit.
- Responds to questions with timely, accurate and complete information.
- Answers and redirects incoming calls as appropriate.
- Follows all regulations and requirements pertaining to public health, federally qualified health center (FQHC), and Agency policies toward the workplace.

Special Requirements

- Treats others with courtesy and respect in all interactions.
- Responds with flexibility to changing needs.
- Manages multiple tasks and deadlines.
- Supports and promotes the Agency's vision, mission, and core values.

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- Knowledge of skilled nursing techniques and methodologies.
- Knowledge of the community and its resources.
- Knowledge of health education principles.
- Knowledge of principles of medication administration.
- Operates and maintains health care and office equipment.
- Understands practical field of study.
- Deals with some abstract but mostly concrete variables.
- Recognizes unusual or threatening conditions and takes appropriate emergency action.
- Performs medical treatments and strength to move, reposition, or restrain patients.
- Knowledge of rules and regulations (developed after employment).
- Knowledge of Agency personnel policies and procedures (developed after employment).
- Knowledge of the core functions and essential services of public health.
- Knowledge of general office principles and practices.
- Knowledge of software applications relative to the position assignment.
- Knowledge of basic accounting and mathematics.
- Knowledge of proper English grammar, usage, and spelling.
- Knowledge of action tracking on specific work assignments or other items related to work position.
- Ability to keep accurate reports and records.
- Organizational skills.
- Requires a self-starter with the ability to work both independently and as a team member in a professional environment.
- Good natured with a positive attitude; able to perform under pressure.
- Ability to interact effectively and in a supportive manner with visitors, stakeholders, and public peers.
- Always courteous and respectful regardless of race, creed, family and/or economic situation.
- Bilingual language skills a plus.
- Ability to use good judgment and persistence in overcoming challenges, addressing conflicts and solving problems.
- Effective oral and written communication skills, including phone skills and etiquette.
- Attention to detail, and adherence to established policies and procedures required.
- A problem solver, with the ability to organize and prioritize responsibilities.
- Is flexible, and able to embrace and implement change.
- Working knowledge of Windows personal computer, Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Knowledge and understanding of Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) process.
- Knowledge and understanding of public health accreditation process.
- Knowledge of the Ohio Nurse Practice Act.
- Criminal background verification required.
- Ability to time budget in areas of workforce development and Agency duties.

Due to the need for all Health Department personnel to respond to public health emergencies, the employee must be assessed for his/her ability to meet the physical demands of performing the following activities:

- Engage in the following movements: climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling and writing and repetitive motions.
- Must be able to be fitted and wear NIOSH 95 mask. (Requires the elimination of facial hair/beard.)
- Exert up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects.
- Hearing ability sufficient enough to communicate with others effectively in person and over the phone.
- Ability to hear and respond to internal or external emergency or evacuation alarms.
- Visual ability must be sufficient enough to read typewritten documents, computer screen and drive a car.

If unable to demonstrate these abilities based upon a standardized, objective assessment performed by external occupational health professionals, all reasonable accommodations will be made, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable Federal and Ohio law.

Working Conditions

- General office setting in health department facilities, as well as occasionally in community sites including clients' homes and workplaces.
- Work performed in the community is sometimes subject to conditions that range from inclement weather to dangerous conditions such as snow/ice, cold, heat, noise, wetness/humidity, vibration, sudden temperature changes, and poor illumination at the job site or due to travel on the job. Travel to and from off-site locations may subject worker to increased risk of driving hazards. Community locations may subject worker to communicable diseases, insects and other disease vectors, toxins, hazardous materials, chemicals and animals.

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- In all settings, employees in this classification may occasionally need to relate to members of the public who exhibit challenging atypical or hostile behaviors and/or communication.
- May include alternate sites, temporary locations and/or multiple locations depending on the public health emergency.

Equipment Used

Including, but not limited to computer, fax, copier, scanner, calculator, multi-line telephone, cell phone, camera, video recorder, public health and medical equipment and supplies related to duties, and personal vehicle.

Bloodborne Pathogen Risk Code: None Low Medium High

Qualified Applicants

Qualified applicants should visit www.eriecohealthohio.com where current job postings can be viewed and an application is available to complete. A completed Erie County Health Department employment application must be date/time stamped in the Human Resources Office prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2022. EOE/AA/ADA

Approved for Content & Posting _____


Erie County Health Commissioner

Date 12.29.21