

CLATSOP COUNTY

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR

Public Health Nurse I or II Casual

Salary range PHN I: \$26.51 – \$32.23/hour (DOQ)

Salary range PHN II: \$29.24 – \$35.54/hour (DOQ)

Applications are invited for causal Public Health Nurses I or II with Clatsop County Health & Human Services. Duties include providing professional nursing services according to established nursing practices and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be currently licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Oregon. Knowledge of public health nursing principles and practices including experience with adult and child immunizations; pregnancy testing and counseling; sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing and counseling; family planning program knowledge, EPIC and EMR experience; referral knowledge of local resources and basic communicable disease knowledge. Requires excellent communication skills, ability to be self-directed and self-motivated; ability to work effectively with professional and allied personnel as a team member and with related services and agencies. Must have ability to ensure strict confidentiality of information. Possession of, or ability to immediately acquire Oregon driver's license.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in Nursing with at least one year of Public Health experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Obtain and submit completed Clatsop County Employment Application form to the State of Oregon Employment Department, 450 Marine Drive, Suite 110, Astoria, Oregon 97103 (503)325-4821, TDD (503)325-2894 not later than **Open Until Filled**. *Your application must clearly show your qualifications for the position to receive further consideration. Incomplete and/or unsigned applications may result in disqualification. A resume may not substitute for an application (but it is desirable that you attach one to your application as a supplement). Successful applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug screen and show proof of eligibility to work in the United States. During any phase of the hiring process, applicants with disabilities should inform the County Administrator's office if reasonable accommodations are needed to demonstrate their qualifications to perform the duties of the job.*

This announcement is generally descriptive of the duties and qualifications for the job. It is not to be construed as an expressed or implied contract. Clatsop County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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APPLICANT: REVIEW THIS LIST OF ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

1. Provides health surveillance services to infants, children and youth for early detection of deviations from the norm and for therapeutic intervention. Services include periodic health appraisals consisting of health/developmental history taking, growth measurements, physical and developmental assessments, health screening tests, such as hearing, vision, hemoglobin; identifies and refers health problems for evaluation and care when appropriate; provides immunizations; counsels parents on infant and child care, growth and development.
2. Locates infants, children and youth suspected of having handicapped conditions; helps family plan and secure care from specialized clinics, special problems or other relevant resources; initiates referrals, helps family arrange for transportation; assists family cope with child's disability and teaches self-help skills when necessary. Provides follow-up services to families, explains diagnostic and therapeutic measures relating to condition and ensures families understand and follow home care recommendations.
3. Renders health care services to women primarily of child bearing age to detect abnormal conditions and initiates or refers for therapeutic care. Services include taking health history, physical assessment, screening tests (pregnancy test, vaginal culture, serology, blood pressure); referral or treatment of health problems according to medical/nursing protocols; counseling and follow-up care as necessary.
4. Provides family planning clinical, counseling and educational services to individuals and couples using non-directional all options counseling; advises on contraceptive methods and counsels patient in chosen method of contraception; refers for medical consultation; conducts educational classes on family planning concepts; provides family planning counseling in home visits; provides follow-up care in clinic and home.
5. Immunizes selected age groups against specific diseases; instructs individuals, families and community groups on controlling the spread of contagious diseases; locates suspects, cases and contacts of communicable diseases by using epidemiological methods of investigation; collects specimens for bacteriological exam; may treat infectious diseases according to agency medical protocols; provides follow-up and surveillance to previously infected persons such as patients with tuberculosis, venereal diseases, typhoid.
6. Provides health supervision to patients in their homes during relatively stable phases of their illness; refers those with complications or exacerbations which require medical consultation; explains medical diagnosis and recommendations to the patient and family as necessary; provides continued support to patient in carrying out medical regimen.
7. Participates in various components of health education programs; planning, organizing, teaching and demonstration on a group or community level.
8. Knowledge of sound nursing principles and practices; behavioral, physical and biological sciences underlying nursing practices; philosophy, principles, practices and scope of community (public) health nursing; the role of the professional nurse as a leader or member of a health care team; use of community resources; interviewing, counseling and teaching techniques; sound health practices; patterns of growth and development and deviations from the norm; methods of controlling and preventing disease.
9. Skill in performing basic physical and psychosocial assessments.
10. Ability to identify individual, family and community health needs through interview, observation, examination, analysis of reports, records and health data; arrive at a nursing diagnosis and choose, initiate and modify selected therapies from nursing/medical protocols or refer to appropriate source for care; provide information to the family about the nursing diagnosis and involve them in planning for care; participate in identifying and planning for community health care needs; counsel and communicate effectively on an individual basis and with small groups; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with patients of all ages; families, community representatives and other professionals; prepare clear, concise correspondence, referrals, reports, social histories, patient data, etc.; exercise independent judgment, initiative and resourcefulness.
11. Follow all safety rules and procedures established for work areas.

I understand the essential functions of this job, as given above. I also understand that all of the duties are not described above and that I will perform those above and other related duties as directed by my supervisor and management.

Signature

Date