Position Recruitment Notification  
For Internal & External Candidates

Job Classification: Public Health Nurse

Department/Division: Health Department  
Employment Status: Full-time  
Annual Salary/Grade: $70,000 - $82,500/Grade 10  
FLSA: Exempt  
Union: N/A  
Employment Commission: N/A

Deadline for Application: March 10, 2017

Position Summary:

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Instructions to Applicants:

Applicants can visit our website at http://www.oak-park.us/jobs. Submit applications and resumes by mail to: Human Resources, Village of Oak Park, 123 Madison Street, Oak Park, IL 60302; by email to: HR@oak-park.us; or by fax to: 708-358-5107. The Village of Oak Park offers a highly competitive benefit package that includes a retirement plan, deferred compensation program, social security, health & life insurance, vacation, sick leave & other benefits.

A Copy of the Position Description is Attached

The Village of Oak Park is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer committed to a diverse workforce.
Public Health Nurse

Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.

Definition

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Distinguishing Characteristics

This is the full journey level class in the Public Health Nursing series. Employees within this class perform the full range of duties assigned including providing professional nursing services. Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise and are required to be fully aware of the operating procedures and policies of the work unit.

Supervision Received And Exercised

Receives direction from the Health Director.

Examples of Duties – Essential and other important duties and responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Provide professional nursing services including health education, counseling and referral for testing and/or treatment.

Conduct a comprehensive communicable disease control program; review Illinois-National Electronic Disease Surveillance system regularly, report, monitor and investigate communicable disease; provide follow-up and consultation to patients, schools, physicians and day care centers as needed.

Provide for HIV prevention services to targeted populations of individuals living with or at high risk for HIV.

Provide Family Case Management services through comprehensive needs assessment of client needs, linkage with Medicaid and primary care, referrals for assistance with identified medical and social needs, coordination of care, home visits, development of individualized care plans and participating in a system building community network to enhance services for pregnant women and infants.

Manage childhood lead program including managing incoming child lead tests, case management and social service referrals, home visits, referral for environmental investigation for lead risk assessment and medical management referral, education and outreach and record keeping.

Complete home visits as needed in conjunction with other Village Departments and Village social service agencies to provide nursing consultation as needed.
Assist in coordinating community clinic activities including setting up clinic sites and ensuring that the necessary equipment is available; coordinate clinic activities with other Village personnel and service providers.

Collaborates with other emergency management personnel and local, state or federal officials when preparing for, responding to, or recovering from disasters; develops liaisons and provides support to, and with, other agencies or organizations involved in developing disaster preparedness programs, and to ensure the facilitation of programs in the event of natural or manmade disasters

Other important duties and responsibilities:

- Stay abreast of new trends and innovations in the field of public health nursing.
- Maintain accurate records on daily activities; input information into the computer.
- Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.
- Must have a high level of cultural competence

Qualifications

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of public health nursing.
- Diseases and social conditions as they apply to public health nursing.
- Universal precautions and infection control practices.
- Community resources related to health and social services.
- Knowledge of computers and software required of position.
- Pertinent Federal, State, and local health laws, codes and regulations.

Ability to:

- Interpret and explain health care policies and procedures.
- Counsel patients on a variety of health related issues.
- Provide responsible health and nursing care, including health education.
- Respond to emergency situations.
- Document code enforcement and inspection activities.
- Prepare clear and concise reports.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work including Village officials, businesses, health care organizations and the general public.
- Maintain physical condition appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:
  - Walking, standing or sitting for extended periods of time
  - Lifting up to 40 lbs.
- Operating assigned equipment.
- Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:
  - Making observations
  - Communicating with others
  - Reading and writing
  - Operating assigned equipment and vehicles.
- Maintain mental capacity which allows the capability of:
• Making sound decisions
• Demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Experience and Training Guidelines

Experience: Two years of responsible experience in public health nursing. AND

Education: Possession of a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from an accredited college or university. AND

License or Certificate: Possession of a valid State of Illinois Nurse Registration. Must have a valid State of Illinois Driver’s License and proof of insurance Bi-lingual preferred

Working Conditions:

Exposure to a variety of infectious diseases; traveling for home visits, meetings and inspections; standing for extended periods of time; lifting up to 40 lbs. May be required to work some weekends and after hours for meetings and events.