

Florence County Job Description

JOB TITLE: Clinical Dietitian
DEPARTMENT: Health
Reports To: Health Officer/Public Health Director
FLSA Status: Part-Time Non-Exempt
Salary Range: \$23.00 to \$33.53
Salary Grade: 4

GENERAL SUMMARY:

The Registered Dietitian promotes individual and population health through advanced, comprehensive nutrition education initiatives and health behavior-change programs in the WIC setting for the populations represented in Florence County. Responsibilities include developing, implementing, and evaluating programs and public health initiatives, establishing, leading and maintaining community partnerships, and managing work plans and timelines related to WIC policy. Work involvement will include initiatives and projects at any given time and will change as the initiatives and projects evolve. The Dietitian will implement grant objectives, work plans and respond to priorities set forth by the annual nutrition agency plan. The position will be the Lactation Consultant and will complete requirements within 12 months of hire.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under general supervision and/or as part of various workgroups and teams, the Registered Dietitian performs the following essential functions within the framework of Florence County Health Department's provision of the core functions and essential services of WIC and public health:

Public Health Sciences

1. Facilitates implementation of community-focused initiatives to promote nutrition, breastfeeding and prevent disease, in settings including, but not limited to Health Department buildings/sites, homes, community organizations and worksites, schools, and the community at large.
2. Performs comprehensive individual and family assessments which include health history, physical assessment, growth monitoring, developmental assessment, psycho-social assessment, assessment of family functioning, assessment for substance abuse or domestic violence issues, and assessment of basic needs including food, housing, income, resources and supports, and access to health care.
3. Provides care coordination, referral and follow-up to individuals and families who are members of a vulnerable population and/or high-risk groups. Evaluates outcomes, effectiveness of plan, and makes changes as necessary.
4. Assesses and implements the nutrition education needs of the community as it relates to chronic disease and the population's general health.
5. Assess and provides nutrition education and counseling to individuals, families and community groups that are adapted to their unique needs, lifestyle, cultural and socio-economic situation.
6. In order to develop evidence-based public health interventions, conducts and/or facilitates teams in comprehensive reviews of scientific evidence related to public health issues, concerns, and interventions.
7. Facilitates and implements multidisciplinary and/or interagency teams.
8. Creates therapeutic diets and implements preparation and service of meals for individuals in clinic or other health care facility

9. Converses with physician and other health care personnel to determine nutritional needs and diet restrictions, such as low fat or salt free, of patients

Community Dimensions of Practice

10. Advocates on behalf of vulnerable individuals and populations; participates in assessing and evaluating health care services to ensure that people are informed of available programs and services and are assisted in the utilization of those services.
11. Establishes, expands, facilitates and sustains initiatives, programs, and/or partnerships that engage key stakeholders and community members in order to address the community health priorities of nutrition, physical activity and breastfeeding.
12. Provides leadership in the process of developing and applying evidence-based and evidence-building community health improvement strategies into specific, measurable action plans in partnership with public and private organizations.
13. Designs and delivers - orientation for WIC Department staff and public health education and technical assistance for community agency staff as well as community members on nutrition and breastfeeding.

Analysis and Assessment

14. Participates in Florence County Health Department's community health assessment and health improvement planning and intervention activities.
15. Assesses current relationships between the Department and community organizations, agencies and other stakeholders and develops plans to enhance and improve these relationships and partnerships.
16. Develops and/or uses databases and software programs to gather and maintain needed data for nutrition, breastfeeding, and disease prevention, evaluation and quality improvement efforts.

Leadership and Systems Thinking

17. Demonstrates knowledge regarding and compliant with applicable professional practice guidelines and any other Federal and State laws and regulations applicable to practice as a public health professional.
18. Adheres to Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards, such as those concerning exposure to bloodborne pathogens, toxic substances, airborne pathogens or exposure to other hazards during routine assignments or assignments during public health emergencies.
19. Contributes to a work environment where continuous quality improvements in service and professional practice are pursued.

Policy Development and Program Planning

20. Participate in developing strategies on how Public Health can be actively involved in the development of county-wide policies and plans that impact the built environment and public health of the county and region. Serves on inter-jurisdictional or multi-agency committees

involved in policy development; coordinate review/comment processes for proposed policy documents.

21. Assist in developing and implementing a community involvement process that assures the informational exchange necessary to provide Public Health's input into appropriate plans and policies; identify potential barriers to new policy development and implementation.

Communication and Cultural Competency

22. Delivers targeted, culturally-appropriate information to help individuals and groups understand health promotion and disease prevention information, policies, regulations and local code.
23. Utilizes appropriate methods for interacting effectively and professionally with persons of all ages and from diverse cultural, socioeconomic, educational, racial, and ethnic, sexual orientations, lifestyles and physical abilities.
24. Advocates on behalf of vulnerable individuals and populations; participates in assessing and evaluating health care services to ensure that people are informed of available health department and community programs and services and are assisted in the utilization of those services.
25. Adheres to ethical principles and Florence County Health Department policy in the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of data and information.

Financial Planning and Management

26. Contributes to the development and preparation of proposals for funding from external resources for health promotion and disease prevention initiatives and programs.
27. Collaborates in activities such as WIC time studies that contribute to the development of budgets and the efficient use of resources.

Other

28. Performs public health emergency response duties as assigned and consistent with training provided, in response to threats to the public's health consistent with job classification.
29. Participates in Department and community emergency response training and drills in support of public health emergency and disaster preparedness consistent with job classification.
30. This position will be responsible for using quality improvement (QI) and performance management (PM) processes and/or techniques to improve the effectiveness of the respective public health program. This includes, but is not limited to: creating, implementing, and evaluating performance standards and identifying, implementing, and assessing program quality improvement processes.
31. 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.
32. Performs other duties as assigned consistent with job classification.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

- Treats others with courtesy and respect in all interactions.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:

Education, Licensure, Certifications, Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Dietetics or Foods and Nutrition from an accredited University by the American Dietetic Association
- Registered Dietitian (RD) who is registered with the American Dietetic Association.
- Certified Dietitian (CD) who is certified by the state of Wisconsin.
- Public health experience desired.
- Position will be the breastfeeding coordinator requiring breastfeeding training prior to or within 12 months of hire.
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and 700.a certification within six (6) months of employment.
- ~~National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) 300 and 400 certification within six (6) months of employment.~~
- Valid Wisconsin driver's license, current certificate of vehicle insurance, and access to reliable transportation to all assigned work locations.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Knowledge of the core functions and essential services of public health
- Knowledge of education program planning, implementation and evaluation.
- Knowledge of training principles and methods, needs assessment, design and evaluation.
- Knowledge of course design, teaching methods and techniques for presenting material.
- Knowledge of health promotion and health education theories and practices related to: nutrition, public health, epidemiology, disease prevention, behavioral change, group process, community organizing and mobilizing, social justice, and adult learning.
- Knowledge of data analysis and research methods.
- Knowledge of social marketing principles, public information and mass media and methods of instruction.
- Interpersonal communications, group process and facilitation skills.
- Excellent oral and written communications skills.
- Effectively communicates a broad amount of information to a wide variety of audiences.
- Demonstrates ability to make group presentations.
- Knowledge of Community organizing skills.
- Knowledge of Program-planning skills.
- Demonstrates computer use ability in word processing, spreadsheet and database software.
- Demonstrates ability to use a wide range of audio visual equipment.

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:

- Must be able to be fitted and wear NIOSH 95 mask.
- Engage in the following movements: Climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling and writing and repetitive motions.
- Exert up to 30 pounds of force occasionally, 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
- 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 Wisconsin law.

WORKING CONDITIONS WHILE PERFORMING ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

General office setting in health department facilities, as well as 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 field 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.

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.

Typical work hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but work outside these hours is possible depending on program needs.

EQUIPMENT USED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Computer, Fax, copier, personal or county vehicle, and public health equipment and supplies.

Reports to: Director or Assistant Director

Directs Work of: None

Blood borne Pathogen Risk Code: None __ Low X Medium __ High__