

NUTRITIONIST 2

Nature of Work: Under limited supervision, performs professional work at the full-performance level by promoting and presenting public health nutrition programs. Performs related work as required. Public contact and travel are required. May be required to supervise.

Distinguishing Characteristics: This is professional, full-performance level work in public health nutrition. Performance at this level requires greater technical skills, more independent judgement and work involving planning and organizational skills. Positions with responsibility for the dietary unit at a state facility are typically assigned to this class.

Examples of Work

- Provides therapeutic dietary counseling and nutritional assessments for medically high-risk clients, such as in prenatal and pediatric clinics.
- Provides nutrition counseling services to Intermediate Care Facilities or other outside agencies. (Must be a Registered Dietician).
- Provides nutrition counseling under contract through Medicaid reimbursable Programs. (Must be a Registered Dietician).
- Conducts in-services, presentations, and provides consultation on nutrition topics to groups and organizations.
- Develops menus for regular and therapeutic diets for patients or residents of a facility.
- Conducts staff in-services and training.
- Acts as Nutrition Education Liaison responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating the Nutrition Education Program for a multi-county area.
- Acts as Breast-feeding Coordinator responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating a multi-county Breast-feeding Promotion Program.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of the principles and practices of dietetics and nutrition, as related to public health.
- Knowledge of the organization of public health services, food services, food assistance and nutritional education resources.
- Knowledge of developments in the field of public health as related to nutrition.
- Skill in interviewing medically high-risk clients, assessing their nutritional status and counseling them concerning nutrition.
- Skill in program management and coordination.
- Skill in conducting training in-services.

NUTRITIONIST 2 (CONT'D)**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (cont'd)**

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with both professional and advocate or constituent groups.

Ability to collect, analyze and evaluate data and technical information.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Ability to write goals and objectives in planning and developing broad range nutrition programs.

Minimum Qualifications

Training: Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in foods and nutrition, dietetics or public health nutrition; or a bachelor's degree in a related field with 12 hours in nutrition.

Experience: One year of full-time or equivalent part-time paid employment as:
dietician or nutritionist employed by a health or welfare agency, food clinic, hospital, child development center, school system, nutrition council, teacher of foods or nutrition in an accredited school or college; agent or food and nutrition specialist in the Agricultural Extension Service; or research worker in foods or nutrition.

Substitution: Graduation from a Coordinated Undergraduate Program in dietetics, completion of an AP4 Program in nutrition or dietetic internship approved by the American Dietetic Association, or a graduate degree from an accredited college or university in a related field may be substituted for the required year of experience.

Note: Preference in hiring may be given to an applicant who has current Registered Dietician status with the American Dietetic Association.

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