



Town of Stratford Health Department Public Health Nurse—Full-Time Grant Funded

This position supports the Stratford Health Department in its mission to improve the quality of life for Stratford residents through the promotion of health and well-being, the prevention of disease, and by assuring a clean and safe environment.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This is a full-time (37.5 hours/week), grant-funded public health nursing position that includes clinical duties such as immunizations and communicable disease follow up. Additionally, the candidate provides support in developing, implementing, and evaluating a host of various programs that improve the health and well-being of Stratford's adult and pediatric population—all aligned with our Strategic Plan and Community Health Improvement Plan. This position is performed under the general supervision of the Public Health Nursing Supervisor and requires the understanding the principles and procedures of nursing and the appropriate techniques of treatments.

Work includes staffing community clinics and health programs, monitoring childcare centers, home/virtual visits and counseling on a variety of health-related topics and conducting community outreach as needed.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

- Perform routine tests and procedures designed to prevent and control the spread of communicable diseases, including contact tracing (SP 6.3)*.
- Schedule children and adults immunizations at clinics including flu and COVID.
- Provide health screenings (e.g. blood pressure, cholesterol screening) (SP 1.1).
- Conduct virtual/home visits to collect specimens or to provide direct observed therapies for certain communicable diseases such as tuberculosis (SP 1.1, 5.1).
- Monitor childcare centers for licensing requirements.
- Act as a patient advocate and assist residents with navigating the health care system (SP 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4)
- Monitor and respond to disease and emerging infections reports in designated electronic surveillance systems such as the Connecticut Electronic Diseases Surveillance System (CTEDSS) (SP 6.3). Follow-up with patients as deemed appropriate.
- Assist in standard, drive-up and homebound clinics (SP 6.3, 8.1) for immunizations.
- Communicate with individuals in community settings, providers, and consumers to disseminate pertinent information, consultation, health education (e.g. Visit schools to promote and educate on topics such as COVID, STIs, etc.) (SP 6.1, 6.3).
- Prepare detailed reports of activities (SP 6.3).
- Monitor staff training requirements that pertain to emergency preparedness.
- Share the responsibility of training and organizing medical MRC volunteers for preparedness events, drills, exercises with and under the direction of the MRC Coordinator.

**Indicates which goal(s) the responsibility corresponds to in the Stratford Health Department's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.*

- Coordinate casework services with other agencies.
- Work with organizations that serve vulnerable populations to create and/or update plans and protocols related to COVID and other emergencies (SP 7.2)
- Provide clinical oversight to volunteers on an as-needed basis (SP 6.3).
- Perform related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Considerable knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of public health nursing.
- Considerable knowledge of the causes, methods of transmission, treatment and control of communicable diseases.
- Good knowledge of the objectives and procedures of public health administration.
- Good knowledge of the principles of emergency preparedness. Willing to train in Incident Command Structure under the National Incident Management system.
- Good knowledge of the various community facilities and resources available for the treatment and care of the ill and preventative services.
- Good knowledge of mental health principles and practices.
- Good ability to work independently and to use sound judgment in making decisions relating to family health and social problems, especially in crisis situations.
- Good awareness of limitations and scope of practice.
- Good ability to communicate effectively.
- Good ability to prepare detailed reports and to maintain a variety of records.
- Considerable ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients, employees, representatives of other agencies, and the general public.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from an accredited school of nursing and at least one to two years of professional public health nursing experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Must be currently licensed (and be in good standing) as a Registered Nurse by the State of Connecticut.

Incumbent may be required to travel short distances on business and must have a valid CT Driver's License.

Applications can be found on the town's website at www.townofstratford.com and should be sent to the Town of Stratford, Human Resources Department. EOE.