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<b>Job Title:</b> Public Health Nurse	<b>Position Title:</b> Communicable Disease Nurse
<b>Job Type:</b> Public Health Professional	<b>Wkly Hrs:</b> 40
<b>Reports to:</b> Nursing Supervisor	<b>Last Reviewed/Updated:</b> 1/16/2020

**Position Overview:**

This position functions independently and exercises critical nursing judgement to ensure the provision of quality nursing care and health education in accordance with best nursing practices.

This position is responsible for carrying out various job functions for Public Health Nursing Programs. Duties may include but are not limited to: Communicable Disease surveillance and investigation including STD/HIV Counseling and Testing, Immunization clinic staffing, working with the Maternal Child Health and Child Care Health Consultant programs and Community Health Education.

**Essential Functions:**

- Assist in planning, directing, developing and evaluating community health programs in the county as they pertain to communicable disease surveillance.
- Provide health education to individuals, families and community groups in various settings
- Serve as a resource for area healthcare professionals, schools, daycares and the public by responding to requests for information.
- Conduct both active and passive surveillance for health problems and hazards such as communicable diseases; and utilize evidence-based sources and plans of action to address these issues.
- Collaborate with other health care professionals and service providers to ensure optimal patient care and control the spread of disease.
  
- Document nursing interventions, therapeutic measure administered, patient's reactions, patient teaching and understanding.
- Give immunizations according to CDC guidelines.
- Schedule and perform lab draws following physicians order. Follow up with physician and clients as indicated.
- Perform urine pregnancy tests, provide appropriate counseling/referral information to clients and assist with completion of Medicaid presumptive eligibility applications as needed.
- Administer and read TB skin test. Follow –up on suspicious and positive results in a timely manner according to protocol.
- Check for and demonstrate method used in detecting head lice. Provide evidence-based information and support in eradication of infestations.
  
- Attend meetings, conferences and workshops to further professional competence.
- Other duties as required for the position.

**Supervision Received:**

This position is overseen by the Nursing Supervisor.

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**Supervision Exercised:**

None

**Qualifications & Skills:**

*MINIMUM REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:*

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing **OR** with an Associate of Arts Degree in Nursing **OR** completion on a Nursing Program at an accredited diploma school of Nursing.
- Must possess and maintain a license as a Registered Nurse from the Missouri State board of Nursing.

*PREFERRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:*

Public Health experience preferred, but not required.

Good oral communication skills

*TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:*

- Develop an individualized training plan based on the Self Assesment.
- Complete 8 contact hours related to the individualized training needs identified in the training plan.

**Physical Demands and Working Conditions:**

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to, stand, sit; talk, hear, and use hands and fingers to operate a computer and telephone keyboard reach, stoop kneel to install computer equipment
- Moderate noise (i.e. business office with computers, phone, and printers, light traffic).
- Ability to sit at a computer terminal for an extended period of time.
- Light to moderate lifting is required

\*\* To comply with regulations by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), the principal duties in position descriptions must be essential to the job. To identify essential functions, focus on the purpose and the result of the duties rather than the manner in which they are performed. The following definition applies: a job function is essential if removal of that function would fundamentally change the job.