

## Walla Walla County Position Description

**JOB TITLE:** Public Health Registered Nurse Per Diem

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Health

**REPORTS TO:** Program Manager, Population Health

**PAY GRADE:** 6, Hourly Per Diem Rate, No Benefits

**JOB SUMMARY:** This position will offer professional nursing support in the administration of vaccines, blood draws, urine sampling and other medication or diagnostic functions to promote public health in our community. This position may also perform additional tasks such as disease investigations and education and perform other miscellaneous public health functions as needed. This position will be used to create an on-call list of registered nurses to assist the department during planned events, outbreaks and emergencies.

**SUPERVISORY REQUIREMENTS:** N/A

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Prepare vaccines and administer vaccines safely and effectively.
- Draws blood for diagnostic sampling.
- Collects urine, stool, and sputum for diagnostic sampling.

### **EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:**

- Administer vaccines to children and adults following all policies, procedures and processes.
- Collect blood draws for various diagnostic sampling following all policies, procedures, and processes.
- Collect and process urine, stool and sputum samples following policies, procedures and processes.
- Perform and document health interviews and implement treatment for communicable diseases as directed by the Population Health Manager or Public Health Officer.

**EQUIPMENT TO BE USED:** Standard office equipment including computers and related software. Use of appropriate safety equipment. Will wear gloves, safety goggles and/or personal protective equipment to meet standard precaution requirements.

### **WORKING ENVIRONMENT / PHYSICAL ABILITIES:**

- Work will be performed both inside and outside of the Community Health Department.
- May be exposed to a variety of environmental or chemical allergens.
- Requires sufficient hearing and speech ability to communicate verbally.
- Requires manual dexterity and visual acuity to operate personal computer and peripherals.

### **KNOWLEDGE:**

- Knowledge of the principals and practices of Nursing, Washington State Nurse Practice Act, management, communicable disease control, epidemiology and health education.

- Ability to write clear reports.
- Ability to communicate with clients.
- Knowledge of principals of confidentiality.
- Ability to exercise initiative, tact, discretion and judgment in carrying out work.
- Ability to work with multi-cultural, multi-lingual and challenged individuals and families.
- Knowledge of interviewing and counseling techniques.
- Knowledge of Standard Precautions and work around bloodborne pathogens.
- Ability to wear personal protective equipment (Fit-tested N95) and work around people with infectious diseases.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:** Associate degree in nursing from an approved two-year or technical college nursing program. Experience in vaccine administration highly recommended.

**LICENSES AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- Current in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- A current valid Registered Nursing license for the State of Washington.
- Provide documentation of immunization status, proof of immunity to vaccine preventable diseases, or sign an exemption and participate in the employee health program.
- Must successfully pass a background check and a driving record check.

**THIS POSITION DESCRIPTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT.**