



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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NURSING & THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health is a dynamic department whose mission is to “Protect the public through promoting individual, community and environmental health.” One of the groups of employees that work very hard to accomplish this mission is our nurses.



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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

Nurses in Public Health work with a wide variety of people through many different programs. We have nurses working in our clinics providing direct medical services including family planning & STD, sexually transmitted disease, treatment, well child care, and childhood and travel immunizations. If you enjoy working with teens, you will make a special difference in their lives by working in our clinics. We have PHNs who work in the “field”, in the clients’ home, where they provide in-home case management for all ages of our community. Home visiting is a cornerstone of Public Health Nursing. It allows the nurse to fully assess the client’s needs and available resources. We have nurses that work with the Department of Employment and Social Services’ (DESS) Children Services and Adult Services Divisions providing medical expertise, assessment, and education to clients receiving services from social workers in that department. Nurses are also involved in numerous specialty programs such as California Children Services (CCS), Child Health & Disability Prevention (CHDP), Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention, Maternal Child & Adolescent Health (MCAH), Car Safety Seats, Communicable Disease Investigations, Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Planning, and our newest program, the Senior Health Improvement Program (SHIP). Nurses represent Public Health in the community at schools, clinics, the jail, on the mobile van, and in partnership with many organizations.

As you can see the opportunities available to Registered Nurses are wide open and ever changing. We’ve never had a bored nurse. The

nurses affect lives in every age, ethnic, and socioeconomic group. They work closely with other Public Health professionals to prevent disease and to protect the public from negative health outcomes by raising the health awareness of our citizens and educating them on how to improve their health and well being. Positive health outcomes include enhanced surveillance, increased access to services for young families and babies, safe kids in the right car seat, improved vaccination rates. Current exciting projects involving the nurses include working on the obesity and methamphetamine epidemics. Working for Public Health allows nurses to incorporate all the skills they have acquired; not only those learned in nursing school but those learned in life. If you are an enthusiastic, self-motivated person who is looking for an opportunity to touch lives and your community in a very positive way, Public Health may be just the place for you.

The Public Health Department is seeking qualified candidates who have a California Registered Nursing License. If you have your RN and graduated from an Associate’s degree program you are eligible to apply for a Staff Nurse (SN), SN Associate, or SN Senior position based on your years of experience. If you graduated from a Bachelor’s degree program and possess a California Public Health Certificate you are eligible to apply for a Public Health Nurse (PHN), PHN Associate, or PHN Senior position based on your years of PH experience. We currently have vacancies for the following programs: California Children Services, In-Home Case Management, Senior Health Improvement Program, and the Public Health Clinic. New opportunities become available frequently. Full-time and part-time positions are also available. This classification is currently on Continuous Recruitment, with applications accepted at any time.



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Remember, Nurses in Public Health don’t work weekends, evenings or holidays.