



Community Health

Are you a supportive person and enjoy working with people to promote wellness? Are you interested in working with individuals and groups on education and disease prevention? Community health professionals provide services for individuals, families, communities and groups in a variety of settings.

Community health professionals work with a variety of clients and the duties can vary considerably according to the job circumstances. In general, they develop and implement strategies to improve the health of individuals and communities. They work in partnership with other healthcare workers to address health challenges of individuals and communities. In general, they work on the development of public health policies and support the development of healthy communities; plan and deliver health promotions, disease prevention and education programs; provide outreach and discuss healthcare concerns with community members.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER / COMMUNITY HEALTH COORDINATOR

Generic job description:

- Assist individuals and communities to adopt healthy behaviors.
- Conduct outreach for medical personnel or health organizations to implement programs in the community that promote, maintain, and improve individual and community health.
- May provide information on available resources, provide social support and informal counseling, advocate for individuals and community health needs, and provide services such as first aid and blood pressure screening.
- May collect data to help identify community health needs.
- Advise clients or community groups on issues related to improving general health, such as diet or exercise
- Be involved in the assessment, problem-solving, decision-making, service planning and coordinating, and monitoring of their progress.
- Facilitate every step of your patients' health care experience, linking them with the right information and helping them understand and manage their short- and long-term health care goals.

Skills:

- Excellent interpersonal, communication, decision-making and assessment skills.
- Ability to work independently and co-operatively in a busy multidisciplinary situation.
- Demonstrated knowledge of income assistance, affordable housing and health resources
- Strong collaborative approach to delivering and developing programs and services
- Proven communication and conflict resolution skills

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or Post-secondary education in Health field, or comparable experience.
- Relevant experience as a community health professional or experience working in the community social service sector
- Experience working with diverse, multicultural client groups
- First Aid / CPR Training Certificate and must pass a satisfactory Criminal Record Check
- Fluency in languages that are commonly spoken in the community