

HEALTH EDUCATOR

Definition:

Under direction, provides consultation and assists in the development, organization, and administration of public health promotion and educational programs and does related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Incumbents provide assistance with implementation and coordination of Health Education Program(s). The Health Educator differs from the Senior Health Educator in that the latter is assigned primary responsibility for the development and administration of one or more health education programs and performs more senior health education activities.

Essential Functions:

- Confers with community organizations, physicians, nurses, other health personnel, school administrators, and teachers in developing health promotion and educational programs.
- Assists, develops, and implements, in coordination with community participants, health promotion messages via media outreach and special events.
- Addresses various community groups concerning matters pertinent to health promotion and education.
- Trains others to provide health education interventions to groups.
- Assists in community surveys to determine the need for, and effectiveness of, health promotion and education interventions.
- Maintains, distributes, and develops health promotion and educational materials such as pamphlets, videos, articles, radio scripts, reports and visual aids.
- Performs other job-related duties as required.

Employment Standards:

Possession of a Master's Degree in Public Health with a concentration in health education or other closely related field from a School of Public Health recognized by the American Public Health Association.

OR

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with a concentration in a health related field AND two (2) years of progressively responsible health education program experience.

Possession of a valid California Class C driver's license at the time of appointment is required.

Knowledge of: planning, developing, coordinating, implementing and evaluating health promotion and education practices and principles.

Ability to: communicate effectively orally and in writing; establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients, media representatives, community organizations, and staff; deliver effective presentations; obtain, analyze, and evaluate relevant data.

A background check may be conducted for this classification.

All Kern County employees are designated “Disaster Service Workers” through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec. 3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services.) As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable following a significant emergency or disaster.

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