

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATOR I

NATURE OF WORK

This is entry level environmental education work assisting in the implementation of efficient and effective environmental health/quality education programs.

Work involves responsibility for learning how to: develop community collaboration; develop sound risk communication strategies; implement strategies to effect population level behavioral change; gather, analyze and interpret data and write reports; recruit volunteers; identify resource needs and funding opportunities; write grants and grant reports. Work also involves working as a member of the Environmental Education Team for the Environmental Public Health Division. Personal initiative is expected within the framework of supervisory guidance and established policies. Supervision is received from a Senior Environmental Health Educator or Environmental Health Supervisor, with work being reviewed through direct oversight, conferences, reports and results achieved.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Assists in implementing strategies to achieve division and department goals and objectives for comprehensive environmental health/quality education programs.

Gathers and analyzes environmental health/quality data, and contributes to reports.

Assists with news releases and health advisories, and in the development of print, visual, video and audio educational information and presentations.

Assists in arranging demonstrations, displays, exhibits, tours, lectures, films, web-based training, satellite based training, and other environmental education events.

Assists in identifying funding opportunities, and writing grant applications and reports.

Recruits volunteers to conduct environmental education campaigns, cleanups, litter reduction activities, water quality testing, storm water stenciling, etc.

Assists in arranging and developing internal and external workshops and training seminars for stakeholders; makes presentations in a variety of areas including computer-based, web-based and satellite training.

Develops and maintains effective working relationships with public, civic, professional and volunteer agencies engaged in environmental health related activities.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Some knowledge of the environmental health and quality issues in the local community and region.

Some knowledge of environmental equity/justice and sensitive populations issues.

Some knowledge of current practices related to environmental health education, risk reduction, disease prevention, pollution prevention, community marketing and outreach.

Some knowledge of grant writing procedures and program development.

Ability to make sound decisions within the framework of department policy.

Ability to present complex information in a non-technical way.

Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers and peers in other agencies.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in environmental education, public health, public health education, environmental health, environmental science, or related field and some experience in environmental or community health education.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in environmental education, public health, public health education, environmental health, environmental science, or related field; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary for the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

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