

Berkshire Public Health Alliance

The Berkshire Public Health Alliance (Alliance) is seeking a Public Health Nurse. The Alliance is a collaboration between 24 Berkshire County communities that have signed an Inter-Municipal Agreement with each other and with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission as fiscal host, to allow, but not require, them to share public health services. The mission of the Alliance is to improve the delivery of public health services, and thereby improve the overall health and well-being of Berkshire County residents. The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission serves as the Host Agency (fiduciary agent) for the Alliance.

The Public Health Nursing Program provides wellness programming, flu clinics, disease screenings and disease investigations. Currently, nine communities contract with the Alliance for comprehensive public health nursing services.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE POSITION(S) AVAILABLE:

Location: Berkshire County

Title: Alliance Public Health Nurse

Salary (contract): \$32.00 per hour to start (non-benefited). Annual raises.

Education: BSN preferred

Category: Consultant, contracted service, part-time

Experience: 2 years preferred

Applications Period: ongoing

Date re-posted: 7/10/17

The Alliance seeks a public health nurse to provide public health nursing services to Alliance Member communities. The Alliance PHN will perform the following duties on behalf of local municipalities:

- 1.) Surveillance, disease and health event investigation and case finding of reportable diseases using the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network (MAVEN) on-line system
- 2.) Health education
- 3.) Consultation and collaboration to promote continuity of care for residents of the Alliance communities.
- 4.) Flu clinics
- 5.) Direct Observational Therapy (for TB patients)
- 6.) Other grant-funded public health programs as needed
- 7.) Represent the Alliance at meetings when necessary and appropriate.
- 8.) Continue to grow the public health nursing program both in scope and size.

Minimum Requirements

- Valid RN license in Commonwealth of Massachusetts, BSN strongly preferred.
- Ability to perform job tasks effectively and independently, with minimal supervision
- Excellent organizational and time management skills with the flexibility to adjust to rapidly changing schedules and frequently changing priorities.
- Ability to work well with people in a variety of community settings
- Nursing skills such as vaccination for all age groups and directly observed therapy for TB patients
- Valid driver's license

The ideal candidate will have a BSN, and be currently licensed as an R.N. in the State of Massachusetts, with a minimum of 2 years of experience in public health, community nursing or other nursing field. The candidate will be able to take the initiative to identify and develop needed community programs. Familiarity with rural health issues, opioid use disorder, viral hepatitis, infectious disease management, vaccine management, program development, and grant writing are a plus.

Employment is contingent upon satisfactory Criminal Offender Record Investigation (CORI) investigation at the time of hire and then subsequently every two years. Screening of resumes will be ongoing.

The hired candidate must carry his/her own liability insurance.

Contact: Send resumes and cover letter to:

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No phone calls please.