



CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The City of Bridgeport, CT is now accepting submissions for the position of

Public Health Nurse I

Salary and Benefits: \$61,602.00 per year. This position includes a comprehensive benefits package. This summary provides a brief overview of the benefits available to regular full-time municipal employees; depending on the employee group some of these benefits may include: retirement pension administered by CMERS (Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System), health insurance (medical, dental, vision, prescription), life, disability, paid leave, paid holidays, 457(b) deferred compensation plan (employee paid), and other voluntary employee paid benefits.

To Apply: Please mail, deliver or email a cover letter, resume, copies of all relevant certifications and three (3) professional references (name & contact only) to the Civil Service Commission office, 45 Lyon Terrace, room 106, Bridgeport, CT 06604. Required documents can be emailed to COB.Jobs@bridgeportct.gov.

Deadline to apply is Friday, February 15, 2019 (Any/all changes to this deadline shall be at the discretion of the City of Bridgeport).

Municipal Profile

The City of Bridgeport is located in Fairfield County at the mouth of the Pequonnock River on Long Island Sound. It is bordered by the towns of Trumbull to the north, Fairfield to the west, and Stratford to the east; with an approximate population of 147,000, 50,367 households, and a population density of 9,226 residents per square mile. The City has a Mayor-City Council form of government. The City's Mayor is the chief executive officer of the City and serves four-year term(s). The City Council, which acts as the City's legislative body, consists of twenty (20) members elected for two-year terms.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

This position entails providing lead public health nursing care to the Tuberculosis (TB) and Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program patients administered by the Bridgeport Health Department Communicable Disease Division. This position will be primarily responsible for the direct care to patients enrolled in Communicable Disease Programs. This shall include, but not limited to, Directly Observed Therapy (DOT), as well as substantial case management between patients and their treating physician, the Connecticut Department of Health TB Control Program, local pharmacies, and community clinics.

TYPICAL TASKS OR ASSIGNMENTS:

- Recommend, set up, implement and evaluate directly observed therapy (DOT) schedules for adult and pediatric patients receiving services through the Bridgeport Health Department TB control program.
- Collect sputum samples (when necessary) and submit to the CT DPH laboratory per TB control program protocols.
- Ensure patient compliance with medically ordered therapies, attendance to scheduled medical appointments, and follow up care in the community.
- Responsible for placement and interpretation of tuberculin skin testing (TST) to patients receiving services through Bridgeport Health Department Communicable Disease Division.
- Perform contact investigation and surveillance of case contacts, suspects, diseased and infected persons per State of Connecticut TB control program protocol.
- Ensure patients receiving TB control program services are understanding education received while in the program, especially relating the importance of adherence to medically ordered therapies.

- Complete documentation and verbal report as required by the Communicable Disease Division, and state mandated surveillance reports, obtain needed information for reporting when necessary.
- Work with local pharmacies to ensure availability of medically ordered therapies to patients to maintain adherence to treatment.
- Identify opportunities for preventative treatment among case contacts, family members and household members of patients receiving services through the Communicable Disease Division and Connecticut DPH TB Control program to link these individuals to care.
- Support licensed functions in Bridgeport Health Department Communicable Disease Division programs.
- Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- a. As to educations, training, and experience:
 - Graduation from an accredited school of nursing.
 - Completion of one-year course of study in public health nursing at an accredited school.
 - Any equivalent combination of education and experience.
- b. As to special knowledge, ability, and skill:
 - Good knowledge of the principles and practices of general professional nursing care.
 - Good knowledge of the principles and practices of public health.
 - Ability to establish and maintain harmonious and effective working relationships with patients, other health workers, and the general public.
 - Ability to utilize computers, including a variety of software and statistics programs per Connecticut State Department of Health program protocols.
 - Ability to provide direction and guidance to others independently and in collaboration with clinicians and coworkers.
 - Ability to maintain clear documentation and reports, with the understanding these may be audited by nursing supervisor, treating physicians, the Bridgeport Health Department Medical Director, and State of Connecticut DPH program officials.
 - Working knowledge of safety and infection control principles, practices, and methods.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Valid Connecticut Driver's License – This job requires daily driving
- Possession of Connecticut certification as a registered nurse.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

The physical demands and work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations which do not cause undue hardship may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to walk, sit and talk or hear. The employee is occasionally required to use hands to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift weights up to 75 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus.
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee occasionally works near and possible contact with medicinal preparations, bodily fluids, communicable diseases and any other conditions common in a nursing environment.

This job description is not, nor is it intended to be, a complete statement of all duties, functions, responsibilities and qualifications which comprise this position.

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