

LANE COUNTY \*B044 Established 11/12/96 Updated 06/27/06

# WIC NUTRITIONIST/ DIETITIAN

<u>CLASS SUMMARY</u>: To perform high-risk Women, Infants and Children (WIC) follow-up and case management; to provide nutrition education planning, development, evaluation and quality control; to provide training and resource consultation to WIC clinic; to perform outreach with community and medical providers; and to perform related duties, as assigned.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Receives supervision from designated management staff.

**TYPICAL CLASS ESSENTIAL DUTIES**: (These duties are a representative sample; position assignments may vary.)

- 1. Assists in planning, developing, implementing and evaluating a nutrition program; provides quality control.
- 2. Provides high-risk participant follow-up and case management to clients.
- 3. Acts as trainer for the WIC program; trains staff in explaining the WIC program to participants, in order to ensure full utilization of maximum program benefits.
- 4. May give consultation to other programs regarding adequate nutrition and food service.
- 5. Assists in preparation and evaluation of nutrition education materials to be used; interprets use of materials.
- 6. Determines client eligibility through assessment of medical and nutritional risk, utilizing program criteria.
- 7. Acts as a liaison with community nutrition and food resources.
- 8. Performs nutritional assessment of diets for pregnant and lactating women, and infants and children.
- 9. Provides direct dietary counseling to individuals and families with special dietary needs.
- 10. Assures prompt, courteous and adequate service for program applicants and participants.

# **Knowledge of** (position requirements at entry):

- High-risk nutrition counseling and case management of WIC clients.
- Necessary principles and practices to provide nutrition education, planning, development and evaluation.
- Evaluation methods of nutritional education materials.
- Principles and practices of dietetics and nutrition and the ability to apply them to public health.
- Recommended body-needs food requirements for various age, sex and activity groups, and others with special food requirements.
- Available community resources.

#### **Skills in** (position requirements at entry):

- Provide nutrition education, planning, development and evaluation.
- Apply knowledge of food and nutrition to develop individual nutritional intervention plans.
- Analyze menus and diets for nutrition adequacy and to make comparative costs studies
  of foods in relation to nutritional value.
- Understand and perform consultative educational and training processes necessary to carry out a nutritional program.
- Train staff and be a nutrition consultant.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Serve as liaison with medical providers, State WIC office personnel and others.

### **Training and Experience** (positions in this class typically require):

Equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in food and nutrition, dietetics or a related field. Two years of increasingly responsible experience in nutrition or dietetics. An equivalent combination of experience and training, demonstrating the required knowledge and abilities, is qualifying.

### <u>Licensing Requirements</u> (positions in this class may require):

Registered Dietitian with the American Dietetic Association (ADA); or eligible for ADA registration and must pass exam within six months of appointment.

**NOTE:** These positions are represented by AFSCME Local 2831.

<u>Classification History</u>: Deminimus change updating supervision received approved by County Administrator 06/27/06.

FLSA Status: Exempt