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HEALTH TECHNICIAN/EDUCATOR

CATEGORICAL PAY LEVEL:

Minimum Pay Level: 02

Maximum Pay Level: 03

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The positions are involved in administering, supervising, or performing research or other professional work in public health education. The positions are concerned with providing leadership, advice, staff assistance, and consultation on health education programs. The Health Technician/Educator will be responsible for accessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating a Comprehensive School Health Education (CSHE) Program for students, education staff, and parents. Provides technical assistance and training to community groups, schools and work sites in developing and carrying out health education activities. Promotes the CSHE Program by serving as a liaison between the Indian Health Services (IHS) Health Promotion Program and the schools, parents, service providers, and communities. The incumbent will work with other professional health care providers to address the health care needs of students, families, and communities. Meets frequently with school staff to ensure that problems are resolved as they arise, supporting and motivating school staff to maintain interest and involvement in school health issues. Assists in obtaining financial support, i.e., grant proposals, commercial resources. Arranges for necessary supplies, transportation, space and services, and accounting for funds, equipment, and supplies. Designs and implements school health program and promotes the safety of all participants.

LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Level 02 – Health Technician:

1. Works with the I.H.S. health team to plan and implement a comprehensive school health Program.
2. Assists with teacher training, program development, curriculum development and testing.
3. Meets frequently with I.H.S. staff to ensure that problems encountered are resolved in a timely fashion to ensure the school maintains interest and involvement in a comprehensive health program.
4. Assist with the coordination in local activities of established family based health promotion activities and events. Assist with achievement of other HDP objectives as assigned.
5. Assist with the evaluation of school physical activity programs including teacher training, securing administration support, maintenance of supplies and equipment.

Level 03 – Health Educator:

1. Coordinate the planning, implementing and evaluation of a Comprehensive Health Education Program.
2. Participates with the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention in planning jointly with the service delivery health professional and paraprofessional staff for the coordination, implementation, and evaluation of programs consistent with local needs.
3. Develop the program to meet the needs of the target population, assess the needs, set the goals and objectives, and implement an intervention and evaluate the results.
4. Develops, identifies, and gathers community needs assessment to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of services rendered.
5. Provides didactic sessions with students and teachers at school site. Furnishes the school with appropriate health education materials to be used in the teaching of students.
6. Establishes and maintains a resource pool of health professionals, current health care information, and material resources to assist and support students, staff and parents.

BASIC EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Pay Level:	02	03
Education:	Associate Degree Or 60 semester hours	Bachelor's Degree or minimum of 9 hours
Experience:	2 years	1 year

Technician: An Associate degree or 60 semester hours and two years experience in public health education/community health with a minimum of 6 semester hours of course work in community and public health; or health science.

Educator: A Bachelor's degree in public health education/community health or a minimum of 9 semester hours of course work and one year of experience in health education/community health; or health science.

Subject to drug testing.

A valid state driver's license is required and must be maintained as a condition of employment; failure to do so will result in dismissal from government service.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Good distant vision in one eye and ability to read without strain printed material the size of typewritten characters are required, glasses permitted. Ability to hear the conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid, is required except that some positions may be suitable for persons who are blind or deaf. In most instances, an amputation of an arm, hand, leg or foot will not disqualify an applicant for appointment, although it may be necessary that this condition be compensated by use of satisfactory prosthesis. In addition, applicants must have mental and emotional stability.