



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Public Health Dietitian	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	60122 / P.VI.30200.003
CLASSIFICATION:	Dietitian P1	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	H-G-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	HSCIS NO.:	30901
UNION:	CUPE; BCGEU	JOB/CLASS CODE:	30901
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Population and Public Health	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Manager or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	South, Central, North Island Health Services Delivery Area		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (Island Health), patient and staff safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone; as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position.

Reporting to the Population and Public Health (PPH) Manager or designate and working in the community setting, the Public Health Dietitian uses a population health approach to assess, promote, protect, and enhance health and the prevention of nutrition-related diseases.

Travel is a requirement of this position. Transportation arrangements must meet the operational requirements of the Vancouver Island Health Authority in accordance with the service assignment and may require the use of a personal vehicle.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Supports food and nutrition security strategies by collaborating with internal and external partners to provide consistent, reliable, evidence informed consultation, assessment and education, with a focus on groups who face multiple barriers to food and nutrition security.
2. Provide food and nutrition expertise, education/training, consultation and support for PPH staff (e.g. Public Health Nurses), Island Health staff, and external community agencies (e.g. perinatal/early years programs, child/youth-serving agencies, schools, food hubs).
3. Provide expertise and leadership to regional and provincial committees, to advance the development, implementation, and evaluation of population and public health food and nutrition security initiatives, policies, projects, environments and strategies.
4. Collaborate with local and provincial colleagues and organizations to contribute to the analysis and development of healthy public policy as it relates to food and nutrition security.
5. Participates in and provides leadership and advocacy related to food and nutrition security initiatives efforts at both regional and provincial levels.
6. Participates in data collection and synthesis and presents information to regional Quality Council as well as other appropriate committees/groups.
7. Leads projects as assigned by PPH Programs, PPH Manager or designate and participates as a project team member as needed.

8. Promotes and prioritizes PPH and Island Health priorities and goals, including food & nutrition security, active living and mental well-being.
9. Strengthens capacities for food and nutrition security in communities, health care facilities, schools and workplaces by promoting healthy growth and development across the lifespan through advocacy for community food and nutrition equity.
10. Accesses/utilizes an array of approaches such as adult education principles, collective impact, comprehensive school health, motivational interviewing, and more, to engage and provide learning for priority populations.
11. Contributes and creates public and internal resources related to nutrition and food security, such as the Island Health magazine and social media posts, feeding resources for PHNs, and interviews with local media.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Bachelors Degree required in Food Sciences, Nutrition and/or Dietetics. Registered Dietitian (RD) designation required with current practicing registration. Two years of recent relevant experience with a focus on community development work, health promotion, nutrition education, project management, and interdisciplinary partnering. Valid BC Driver's License.

Skills And Abilities

- Understanding of the principles and values of health promotion (healthy public policy, supportive environments, strengthen community action, develop personal skills, reorient health services) and basic health promotion (enable, mediate, advocate).
- Understanding of food security, food systems and sustainable food practices as they relate to and influence population health.
- Demonstrates understanding of the role of policy and how food and nutrition public policy is developed in Canada.
- Understanding of food and nutrition surveillance and monitoring as it relates to planning, policy analysis, program/project evaluation, advocacy and research.
- Understanding of the processes and roles of partnership, collaboration, and community development.
- Ability to enable, mediate and advocate to improve the health and wellbeing of the population through food and nutrition strategies.
- Competence in public speaking, group facilitation, collaboration and advocacy.
- Awareness of social determinants of health and their impact on health outcomes.
- Ability to work in accordance with cultural safety and trauma/resilience informed practices.
- Ability to work independently, demonstrating initiative, and with limited supervision while maintaining collaborative relationships with community stakeholders.
- Ability to work within a multidisciplinary team, utilizing interpersonal and team skills.
- Commitment to continued professional development as required by the employer.
- Communicates effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective work relationships with healthcare professional partners (PPH, Island Health staff, Ministry of Health, etc.) and external partners (community agency staff, municipalities and regional districts, school district staff, etc.).
- Demonstrated knowledge and application of dietetics in a client-centered approach to promote health when working with interdisciplinary public health staff, schools and community partners.
- Ability to use computers and software applications.

- Physically and emotionally able to perform the duties required of this position.