

CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Juan Capistrano, California

DISTRICT NURSE

DEFINITION

Conduct a Health Services Program to achieve an optimum health status for pupils and school personnel in accordance with State Law and District Policies and procedures; responsible for strengthening the educational process through improvement of student health; act as a resource in the coordination of the District health curriculum; provide services to Special Education programs.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

- Contribute to and assist in the evaluation of the total health education program of the District.
- Serve on District health-related curriculum development committees.
- Participate in Student Study Team meetings where significant medical, health, and safety concerns for students are an issue.
- Coordinate screening programs for Vision, Hearing, Scoliosis, and other health assessments.
- Act as liaison with County agencies, community services, and other health care providers to improve the health status of students.
- Provide first aid, CPR, and other health-related training to District staff members.
- Serve as resource for a program directed toward the control of communicable diseases in the District and the community.
- Provide health care and referral information to parents.
- Prepare and distribute health-related bulletins to parents and staff.
- Maintain professional competency through participation in inservice education activities provided by the District and/or the County as well as participation in self-selected professional growth activities.
- Assist in the selection, training, and supervision of health staff.
- Supervise and train staff in specialized health care procedures.
- Serve as resource to school and District staff on health issues.

EXAMPLES OF SPECIAL EDUCATION DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in Special Education staffing and Individual Education Program (IEP) meetings where significant medical, health, and safety concerns for students are an issue.
- Conduct developmental histories and health assessments in specialized cases.
- Consult in the appropriate educational placement of special needs children.
- Serve as an Admission Assessment Team member for infants.
- Provide Designated Instructional Services (DIS) to students as determined through the IEP process.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Needs of medically fragile students; correct medical procedures for specialized health needs; motivation techniques for atypical students; general goals of special education in public schools; record keeping; confidentiality laws relating to student records; emergency medical treatment; clinical and health office apparatus; laws and codes related to the administration of health services; community health resources.

Ability to:

Perform specialized health procedures; supervise students; interact with students, parents, staff, and community, in a patient, warm, friendly manner; communicate clearly and effectively verbally and in writing; deal with stressful situations in a calm, professional manner; be flexible in scheduling workload; lift and move students safely; bend, kneel, stoop, and crawl; push and pull wheelchairs; dispense medication pursuant to physician's instructions; comply with the District's customer service standards, as outlined in Board Policy.

Experience:

Successful pediatric nursing experience in a hospital, clinic, or school environment; previous experience in dealing with preschool and school-age children.

Education/Required Certificates/Licenses:

Current California Registered Nurse License; Bachelor's Degree, Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing preferred; Current California Health Services School Nurse Credential, OR

Temporary California Health Services School Nurse Credential with commitment to complete requirements (30 post-Bachelor's Degree graduate level units) to clear credential within 5 years from date temporary credential obtained.

CPR Trained Certificate
First Aid Trained Certificate