Position Description

Position Title: Registered Dietitian

Department: CCH&WC

Reports To: Clinic Operations Director

FLSA Designation: Non-Exempt

POSITION PURPOSE:
Registered Dietitian conducts nutritional assessments, provides nutrition counseling prepares nutrition care plans, counsels’ clients, and serves as a nutrition resource person for departmental staff. Teaches group education sessions related to nutrition and makes nutrition related presentations to interested groups.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:
- Conducts nutritional assessments and provides medical nutrition therapy.
- Educates and counsels high-risk clients on an individual basis taking into consideration medical and nutritional needs, laboratory results, cultural and personal preferences, finances, and client’s goals.
- Prepares nutrition care plans specific to client’s needs to provide solutions to nutrition problems.
- Conducts home and hospital visits, providing nutrition counseling to clients as needed.
- Works with clinic physicians to coordinate care between the patient and provider.
- Discusses clients’ nutritional care plan and instruction with other staff involved in client care.
- Serves as nutrition resource person for all staff members compiling information including pamphlets, booklets, articles, and other resources for use in nutrition programs.
- Refers clients to outside agencies as necessary.
- Teaches group education sessions related to nutrition or oversees such training presented by other staff.
- Develops nutrition lesson plans, nutrition education handouts, pamphlets and visual aids. Reviews and updates nutrition education materials for use by the department.
- May serve as part of an interdisciplinary team as the nutritionist to prepare and manage team care plans for clients.
- Maintains records and files regarding services and activities and documents services by preparing requested reports.
- Ensures that clinical documentation regarding clients is kept secure and confidential and maintained consistent with Health Department policies and procedures.
- Participates in workshops, conferences, and other continuing education opportunities to maintain professional status.
- Ability to work effectively with individuals from different cultural backgrounds.
- Assists educators with various other health education duties as assigned.
QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association.
- Current registration with the Oregon Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians.
- Certified Diabetes Educator, preferred.
- A thorough knowledge of human nutrition and its relationship to health and disease, (equivalent to M.P.H. or M.S. with supervised field work and public health course).
- Knowledge of the science of nutrition and dietetics.
- Knowledge of social, cultural and economic factors of individuals and families as they apply to public health nutrition and ability to adapt their food preferences into individual nutritional plans.
- Knowledge of appropriate educational principles and methods as applied to public health nutritional practice.
- Knowledge of research methods as applied to public health nutrition.