

# **PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN I**

**GRADE: 09**

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Performs routine (journey-level) public health work. Work involves conferring with local health agencies, private physicians, individuals, and community action groups on the treatment, control, or prevention of diseases and injuries. Works under general supervision with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

## **EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED**

Confers with local health agencies, private physicians, individuals, and community action groups on the treatment, control, or prevention of communicable and chronic diseases

Serves as a public resource in creating awareness of health problems and programs

Disseminates information on public health and health education programs

Participates in planning and conducting health training courses

Evaluates training and education needs to promote the acceptance of public health programs

Assists in formulating definitions, standards, and policies for the effective and efficient rendering of public health services and the enforcement of public health laws and regulations

May evaluate work to improve efficiency and determine program effectiveness

Performs related work as assigned.

## **GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

### **Experience and Education**

One to two (1-2) years of experience in public health work or related field required. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in social services, public health, or a related field is generally preferred. Two (2) years of experience may be substituted for one (1) year of education.

Bilingual preferred (English/Spanish)

### **Certificates, Licenses & Registration**

Applicant must have a current valid Texas operator's driver's license

Must be able to be insured by the County's insurance carrier

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

Knowledge of social, economic, and public health issues; of public health laws and regulations; of medical terminology; and of educational techniques and procedures.

Ability to interpret public health laws and regulations; to communicate effectively; and to analyze and evaluate public health needs.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:**

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations

