

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION**CLASSIFICATION SERIES:**

Public Health Nutrition

SERIES NO.:

6571

MAJOR AGENCIES:

Aging, BWC & Health

EFFECTIVE DATE:

02/26/2012

SERIES PURPOSE:

The purpose of the public health nutrition occupation is to plan & implement nutrition services for public health care programs.

Incumbents plan, implement & evaluate nutrition components of health care programs in assigned region or on statewide basis, or provide nutrition consultation, orientation &/or technical assistance.

CLASS TITLE:

Public Health Nutritionist

CLASS NUMBER:

65711

EFFECTIVE DATE:

01/05/1997

CLASS CONCEPT:

The full performance level class works under general supervision & requires considerable knowledge of nutrition in order to plan, implement & evaluate nutrition components of health care programs in assigned region or on statewide basis, or to provide nutrition consultation, orientation &/or technical assistance in assigned geographic or specialty area.

CLASS TITLE: Public Health Nutritionist	CLASS NUMBER: 65711	BARGAINING UNIT: 11
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EFFECTIVE DATE:

01/05/1997

JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Plans, implements & evaluates nutrition components of health care plans &/or programs in assigned region or on statewide basis, or provides nutrition consultation, orientation, investigation (e.g., Residential State Subsidy, Older American Act, Title III, State Senior Community Service, Passport, Home Care, Agencies on Aging) &/or technical assistance in assigned geographical area (e.g., Metabolic Formula Program, Cystic Fibrosis & Nutrition Supplements, WIC, Childhood Obesity Workgroup, family planning prenatal child health programs) or to personnel in local health agencies (e.g., hospitals, health departments) & local health care professionals (e.g., local health commissioners, public health nutritionists) engaged in specialty area (e.g., develops & implements procedures to monitor nutrition components of health care programs to ensure quality & compliance with governmental funding requirements &/or hospital accreditation standards; monitors & evaluates providers &/or projects for compliance; assists in preparation of or prepares grant proposals/applications; reviews grant applications to determine appropriateness; identifies areas of public health nutrition requiring investigation & identifies & assesses community related needs through collection, analysis & interpretation of data; designs & implements nutrition programs to meet standards & coordinates services with other local programs; clarifies interpretations of nutrition & dietary standards & periodically evaluates programs to determine compliance & recommend changes; counsels rehabilitation claimants on nutritional care in order to improve their health habits and to obtain return to work goals).

Plans, implements, conducts & evaluates pre-service & in-service education programs in nutrition & dietary management used by local health agencies; develops educational materials for professional & public distribution; plans & conducts educational programs for teachers & health professionals used to provide nutrition education to students, patients & public; prepares educational materials for local nutrition program staff or claimant or client use.

Monitors & evaluates food services in care facilities; monitors compliance of nutrition components of federally funded health care programs in relation to food distribution & certification records of medical eligibility; conducts research on relationship of dietary factors to health & prevention of disease.

Participates in development of state health plans for assigned area; prepares daily activity reports & other reports related to program activities & progress.

Attends committee meetings, conferences, seminars &/or symposiums; plans & conducts in-services to other staff members & claimants as needed.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of public relations; operations of health care delivery systems*; employee training & development*; federal & state standards governing nutrition components of health care programs*; dietetics & nutrition; physiology; organic, inorganic & biochemistry. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts & draw valid conclusions; understand & interpret technical materials; evaluate programs to determine compliance with federal & state guidelines; gather, collate & classify data; establish & maintain good working relationship with agency personnel, government officials & general public; prepare & deliver training & educational materials &/or lectures to health professionals, teachers &/or public; prepare reports.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Requires current licensure as dietitian as issued by Ohio Board of Dietetics per Section 4759.06 of Ohio Revised Code; must be able to provide own transportation.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:

Annual renewal of license to practice as dietitian.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

Requires travel.