

CITY OF HAMILTON

HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
(PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES - FAMILY HEALTH & HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS DIVISIONS – LOCATION –
ROBERT THOMPSON BUILDING, 110 KING ST. W.)

PUBLIC HEALTH DIETITIAN – CUPE 5167

SUMMARY OF DUTIES

Under the supervision of the Program Manager, plans, implements and evaluates community based nutrition education programs according to the specific needs of the community in keeping with the requirements of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS). Using a comprehensive health promotion approach works with internal and external partners to influence food and nutrition environments and behaviours. Provides food and nutrition information and advisory service to the public via mass media, community presentations, promotion campaigns and social media. Provides nutrition, food systems and food service consultation to local professionals, agencies and groups in health, education, social/community services.

GENERAL DUTIES

Develops, implements and evaluates community based food and nutrition programs targeted at specific needs identified in the community using evidence informed decision making strategies.

Identifies, implements and evaluates evidence informed health promotion strategies that influence food and nutrition environments and behaviours.

Provides direct services such as group teaching, nutrition and health promotion counselling, education, consultation, planning and evaluation. This includes teaching for families, children, teens, and various community groups and agencies, as well as providing continuing education for Public Health Nurses, allied health professionals and community partners. The employee selects, plans, prepares and evaluates teaching aides and materials that will disseminate nutrition and diet information to professional and non-professional audiences through various media.

Selects and develops nutrition education resource materials for specialized community nutrition programs.

Interprets and conveys current scientific information regarding food and nutrition, to the community through presentations, promotion campaigns, written resources and social media.

Collaborates and co-ordinates community nutrition projects with other Dietitians and community groups to meet the needs of specific community groups.

Participates in community nutrition research studies and promotes the utilization of appropriate findings.

Provides nutrition consultation to Public Health Services staff and other local professionals, agencies and groups in health, education, social services and recreation.

Provides nutrition and food service consultation to community living centres, childcare centres and other facilities where meals are provided.

Oversees the work of trained volunteers in community group settings.

Participates in the education of dietetic interns and undergraduate nutrition, medical and nursing students.

Maintains professional competence through participation in professional development/continuing education programs.

Performs other duties as assigned which are directly related to the major responsibilities of the job.

Works in accordance with the provisions of applicable Health and Safety legislation and all City of Hamilton corporate and departmental policies and procedures related to Occupational Health and Safety.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Demonstrated knowledge and experience in nutrition education, health promotion, community mobilization and the creation of supportive environments normally acquired by obtaining a Baccalaureate degree in human nutrition and dietetics or equivalent program from a recognized University.
2. Must qualify for registration with the College of Dietitians of Ontario.
3. Successful completion of a dietetic internship approved by the College of Dietitians of Ontario or equivalent.
4. Previous professional experience in nutrition in a Public Health agency preferred.
5. Excellent verbal and written communication skills, good interpersonal, communication and counselling skills.
6. Must be able to work well in a multicultural environment and as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
7. Demonstrated experience/knowledge of program and resource development, evidence informed decision making and program evaluation.
8. Experience in computerized work environment. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel) and database software.

THE INCUMBENT SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR THIS POSITION AND THE WORKPLACE.
