

CITY OF HAMILTON

HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
(PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES - HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS DIVISION – CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION –
LOCATION – 110 KING ST W 4th FLOOR)

PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST

SUMMARY OF DUTIES

Reporting to the Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention, the Public Health Nutritionist plans, develops, implements and evaluates food and nutrition initiatives in keeping with the requirements of the Ontario Public Health Standards, policies of the Corporation and approved budget. This position is also responsible for project management and participates in the planning, development and evaluation of programs which have a food or nutrition focus/component. The position involves extensive community liaison and mobilization, analysis of nutrition issues and recommendation of nutrition policy options, consultation to staff and the community on nutrition promotion strategies and collaboration with other staff in the Healthy Environments Division and the Healthy & Safe Communities Department in the development of integrated initiatives to promote health.

GENERAL DUTIES

Identify food and nutrition programming needs by reviewing existing epidemiological, behavioural and socio-demographic data and reports and/or collecting and analyzing new data related to food, nutrition and eating habits. Identify behavioural and non-behavioural factors influencing eating habits and whether various health promotion strategies should increase knowledge, alter attitudes and/or change behaviour.

Provide input to the development of an annual operational plan for the Chronic Diseases Prevention Program which includes population-based strategies to promote healthy eating behaviours, targeted at specific population groups. Identify and pursue collaborative opportunities that could be delivered by other staff.

Collaborate with other members of the Healthy & Safe Communities Department as well as workplaces and community organizations on the development, implementation and evaluation of comprehensive health promotion programs with a focus on food, nutrition and healthy eating behaviours.

Liaise with community agencies, coalitions and task groups to facilitate accomplishment of the Chronic Disease Prevention objectives related to food and nutrition and ensure service co-ordination in the community.

Provide expert technical assistance and consultation on food, nutrition, eating behaviours and health to staff from the Public Health Services, Healthy & Safe Communities Department, other Departments, community agencies and human service professionals.

Interpret and convey current scientific information regarding food, nutrition, eating behaviours and health to local professionals, agencies and groups in health, education, social services, recreation and mass media.

Facilitate the establishment of policies that support healthy eating behaviours through advocacy and negotiation with schools, workplaces and area municipalities, writing and presenting resolutions, position papers and council reports, research and analysis of policy options, drafting policy recommendations and implementation plans.

Plan, develop, implement and evaluate food and nutrition education workshops, seminars and campaigns.

Develop and maintain public awareness of food, nutrition and health messaging related to Chronic Disease Prevention Program objectives through mass media communication, media advocacy and social marketing programs.

Prepare grant proposals for program enhancements and research projects related to food and nutrition. Manage specific projects, including budget monitoring.

May fulfill duties as Adjunct Professor at University of Guelph or other university.

Plan, provide and evaluate field placement experience for undergraduate and graduate students studying in food nutrition programs, dietetic interns and other health related programs.

Participate in university teaching and writing of articles for publication in peer reviewed journals.

Perform other duties which are directly related to the major responsibilities of the position.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Master's Degree in community nutrition, public health or an equivalent course of study in addition to a Baccalaureate Degree in human nutrition and dietetics or an equivalent course of study from a recognized university.
2. Must be eligible for membership in the College of Dietitians of Ontario.
3. Eligibility for academic appointment at an Ontario university
4. Demonstrated ability to plan, develop, implement and evaluate food and nutrition initiatives in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Public Health Standards, policies of the Corporation and approved budget.
5. Demonstrated knowledge and experience using a comprehensive health promotion approach to support healthy eating behaviours including nutrition education, community mobilization, supportive environments and public policy.
6. Experience interpreting population health data, research findings and local needs assessment data using an evidence informed decision making framework related to food and nutrition.
7. Professional, well-developed and highly effective written and verbal communication skills including experience with technical writing, grant writing, writing for the public and council/board of health reports.
8. Highly effective facilitation and presentation skills as well as excellent interpersonal and organizational skills.
9. Experienced in developing and delivering customer focused programs and services.
10. Demonstrated ability to liaise and work with internal and external partners including physicians, Public Health Nurses and community organizations on food and nutrition initiatives designed to prevent disease and promote health.
11. Demonstrated ability to design and deliver training programs using a variety of media on food and nutrition.
12. Demonstrated ability to plan and evaluate field placement experiences for students.
13. Experience in computerized work environment. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel), database software as well as virtual meeting tools.
14. Must have access to a vehicle and possess and maintain a valid class G driver's licence.

THIS POSITION REQUIRED A VALID CLASS "G" DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PROOF THEREOF IS REQUIRED UPON HIRE.

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