

CAREERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Nurse

Public Health Nurses are licensed RNs, preferably with a BSN. Their job is to improve the health of the community by vaccinating children and adults, tracking, reporting and controlling communicable diseases, screening schoolchildren for vision, hearing, scoliosis and head lice, working with doctors to provide medical care to the uninsured and underinsured, helping the parents of special needs children to access specialists and services, and educating the public through presentations, programs and health fairs.

Sanitarians

Sanitarians are licensed RSs or SITs. They hold a Bachelor's degree and must have at least 30 semester hours of science. Their job is to safeguard the community's health by reducing environmental threats to human health by educating the public on pests and home hazards, regulating food and water supplies, regulating human waste disposal, regulating pools, beaches and tattooing, inspecting manufactured home parks and campgrounds, and advocating for policies and practices that reduce environmental hazards.

Health Educators

Health Educators hold a Bachelor's degree in a field related to public health. Their job is to identify barriers to and supports for health in the community; develop effective interventions to improve community health; evaluate the effectiveness of those interventions; advocate for policies that improve health; and provide public health information to the public through presentations, curricula, publications, correspondence, website, health alerts, news articles and advertising.

Epidemiologist

An Epidemiologist is Master's prepared in biostatistics and epidemiology. His or her job is to track patterns of illness and disease; identify the source of illness and disease outbreaks; and gather, analyze and share demographic and health data that describes the health of the community.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

An Emergency Preparedness Coordinator holds a Bachelors degree. His or her job is to plan for the prevention of and response to public health emergencies; prepare HCGHD staff, employers and the public for public health emergencies; plan and lead trainings that simulate public health emergency scenarios to allow for staff practice in emergency response; and coordinate with emergency response partners.

Fiscal Specialist

A Fiscal Specialist has bookkeeping and accounting experience with a minimum of a high school diploma (a Bachelor's degree is preferred). His or her job is to do the budgeting, fiscal reporting, fiscal analysis and fiscal management.

Health Commissioner

A Health Commissioner is an MPH, DPH, DrPH, MD, DO, DVM or DDS. His or her job is to lead the agency; oversee the budget and direct resources; hire and manage the Health Districts staff for the Board of Health; and oversee licensing and regulation of environmental public health programs as directed by the Ohio Revised and Administrative Codes.



HURON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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WHO ARE WE?

We are the local public health agency for Huron County. Our public health professionals work to promote health & prevent disease, for a safer and healthier community.

WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

Public Health is the science of protecting and improving the health of communities through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention. Public health professionals analyze health effects because of genetics, health behaviors and the environment. We use information and data collected to develop and implement programs and services that promote the health of our community. Public health looks at the health of an entire population rather than individual health.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

To achieve and sustain healthy people and healthy communities throughout Huron County by providing public health services which promote health and prevent disease.

WHAT IS OUR VISION?

Working in collaboration with our partnering organizations and communities, Huron County will become leaders and innovators in achieving an optimal health status for its citizens. In this quest, the Huron County Public Health will apply best practices and demonstrate operational excellence while addressing chronic disease prevention, environmental safety, behavioral education, and preparedness.

WHO IS THE BOARD OF HEALTH? (ORC 3709.02-.03)

The governing body for Huron County Public Health is the Huron County Board of Health. Elected officials of Huron County cities, villages & townships appoint the board members. Health Districts shall have a *Board of Health* (BOH) consisting of five members. The District Advisory Council appoints four members and the *Health District Licensing Council* appoints one. One member must be a physician; the BOH shall appoint a *Health Commissioner*.

The Health Commissioner shall be the executive officer of the board and carry out all orders of the board and the Ohio Department of Health (enforcement of sanitary laws and regulations in the district). If the commissioner is not a physician, the BOH shall appoint a licensed physician the medical director to provide medical direction.



WHO IS THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL? (ORC 3709.03-.04)

A District Advisory council exists in each Health District. Council members include: President of the Board of County Commissioners, Chief Executive of each municipal corporation not constituting a city Health District, President of the Board of Township Trustees of each township or a selected representative from each of these entities. Council shall:

1. Appoint four members of the BOH
2. Receive and consider annual reports from the BOH
3. Make recommendations to the BOH or DOH in re: matters for the betterment of health and sanitation within the county or for needed legislation

WHO IS THE DISTRICT LICENSING COUNCIL? (ORC 3709.41)

A Health District Licensing Council exists in each general and city Health District. Council is to be appointed by the entity that has responsibility for appointing the Board of Health in the Health District. The members of the council shall consist of one representative of each business activity for which the board of health operates a licensing program.