

1. IDENTIFICATION

Position No. See Appendix A	Job Title Community Health Nurse	Supervisor's Position See Appendix A	
Department Health	Division/Region Health	Community See Appendix A	Location See Appendix A
Fin. Code: See Appendix A			

2. PURPOSE

Main reason why the position exists, within what context and what the overall end result is.
The Community Health Nurse assists clients, who may be individuals, families or communities, in promotion, protection and restoration of health, in order to educate about, prevent and reduce the incidence of disease, disability and death. The Community Health Nurse provides a comprehensive community health service in conjunction with the health care team and works within the context of Primary Health care to improve the capacity of clients to “adapt to, respond to or control, life’s challenges and changes”.

3. SCOPE

Describe in what way the position contributes to and impacts on the organization.
Determination and provision of health interventions (health promotion, occupational health and safety, public health, community development and curative treatment) have a direct impact on the health status of clients and the community. This position contributes to the efficiency and effectiveness of the health center operations.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Describe major responsibilities and target accomplishments expected of the position. For a management position, indicate the subordinate position(s) through which objectives are accomplished.
<p>Provides professional nursing care to clients by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applying the nursing process (assessment – including diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation) to intervene in the disease process and restore health ▪ Providing short-term inpatient care as required ▪ Performing nursing, sanctioned/transferred medical and related practice functions according to the Policies and Procedures established by the Department ▪ Conducting general treatment clinics and providing emergency treatment services ▪ Making decisions regarding client management including crisis management and facilitating referral in consultation with supervisor and/or other professionals ▪ Identifying and utilizing available support agencies and resource people ▪ Arranging for safe client transport in consultation with the supervisor and/or other health care professionals as required and acting as a medical escort when required ▪ Participating in individual/family case conferences with nursing, medical staff and/or other health care providers ▪ Prescribing and dispensing pharmaceuticals in accordance with established regulations, policies and safety procedures

- Participating in the delivery of health services to satellite communities, where applicable, by visits and through radio, radio-telephone or telephone consultations
- Maintaining confidentiality of all client related information

Plans, implements and evaluates community public health activities, specific health protection, surveillance, education and promotion activities by:

- Applying the nursing process to assess clients (individual, families, or community) to identify needs, develop programs/services, implement health promotion/disease prevention strategies including utilization of appropriate resources and methods of delivering information
- Demonstrating awareness of Inuit culture and traditions and incorporating this knowledge into practice
- Recognizing and reacting to cultural differences in the delivery of client education services
- As part of the Health Care team participates in ongoing evaluation of Community Health Programs/Services modifying programs for appropriateness
- Conducting a wide variety of speciality public health clinics (e.g. prenatal, well child and well baby, TB)
- Participating in communicable disease control, chronic disease surveillance, home visits, health education classes/sessions and school health programs
- Acting as a resource to other health professionals and support staff
- Promoting a safe and healthy environment in homes, schools, day care centres, boarding homes, worksites and the community
- Participating in occupational health and safety activities in the workplace (pre-employment physicals, WHMIS)
- Noting any environmental safety hazards at worksite and advising supervisor
- Maintaining an up to date knowledge of the working and community disaster plans and procedures and participating in disaster exercises
- Participating in interagency meetings to plan, implement and evaluate joint projects related to health and well being of the community
- When assigned, assisting the Community Health Representative in organizing, coordinating and facilitating health oriented workshops, seminars and health education classes/sessions for the community based upon identified needs (e.g., prenatal, postnatal, healthy lifestyles, child safety, parenting, AIDS)
- Enabling communities to identify, take ownership and action for resolution of health issues/concerns
- Maintaining confidentiality of work related information

Performs administrative functions by:

- Participating in the orientation, support and guidance of new nurses and other healthcare professionals, health care students and support staff
- Performing regular maintenance checks of medical equipment
- Handling personal, telephone or written inquiries from clients, administration, physicians and the general public
- Performing delegated administrative functions, preparing reports, processing correspondence and reports, requisitions, processing and receiving supplies and equipment
- Requisition, processing/handling and receiving pharmaceutical agents including narcotics, as delegated
- Maintaining client and administrative records in concise, accurate and confidential manner within professional and legal guidelines
- Attending and actively participating in staff meetings to exchange information and assist in ongoing program planning, implementation and evaluation

- Following worksite safety and security rules
- Planning for and assisting with physician, specialist and regional staff visits as required
- Developing and maintaining good working relationships (e.g. team building) with other agencies, the community, colleagues and supervisor
- Participating in Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) and Risk Management activities

Maintains a thorough and sound working knowledge of current primary health care and community health nursing practices, skills and knowledge by:

- Attending in-service sessions, conducting self-directed studies and pursuing professional development activities, reviewing current literature
- Attending and participating in staff and committee meetings
- Obtaining and maintaining certifications for required expanded role competencies
- Maintaining a working knowledge of equipment, supplies and materials used in work
- Incumbents must be willing to successfully complete all certification programs that are offered in work setting.

Performs other duties, assignments and projects such as:

- Providing nursing relief at other Health Centres as requested
- May be deployed to other regions, communities, health facilities as directed by the CMOH or Deputy Minister to provide care in the event of an outbreak, epidemic or declared emergency
- Preparing and delivering health education material for radio, television, or newspaper in accordance with Policy on media contact, as directed
- Participating in special projects (e.g., research)
- Contributing to the development, editing and preparation of Health Education material
- Assisting with preceptorship of nursing students enrolled in specific nursing programs.
- Other duties as assigned
- Follows Health and Safety procedures and protocols
- Treat everyone in a respectful manner

5. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Describe the level of knowledge, experience and abilities that are required for satisfactory job performance.

Contextual Knowledge

- Current trends in health promotion/disease prevention practices and programs;
- Applicable legislation, policies and procedures including knowledge of ATIPP and privacy best practices;
- Maintains knowledge of Inuit customs, history, cultural sensitivities and local community characteristics and adapts clinical practice accordingly. Combines knowledge from public health science, primary health care (including the determinants of health), nursing science, and the social sciences;
- Focuses on promoting, protecting, and preserving the health of populations;
- Links the health and illness experiences of individuals, families, and communities to population health promotion practice;
- Recognizes that a community’s health is closely linked to the health of its members and is often reflected first in individual and family health experiences;
- Recognizes that healthy communities and systems that support health contribute to opportunities for health for individuals, families, groups, and populations; and

Skills

- Effective written and oral communication skills

- Effective teaching skills in a group setting or one on one
- Computer skills including; MS Office, Electronic Medical Records (EMR), Health Records and database management

Abilities

- Ability to perform basic nursing, advanced nursing e.g., immunization, venipuncture, basic laboratory work (e.g., WBC, pregnancy tests, blood smears for CBC, hemoglobins), basic radiology (x-ray chest and extremities only), pharmacy (dispensing and prescribing within approved guidelines) and sanctioned/transferred medical functions (e.g., suturing).
- Ability to work effectively in a cross cultural setting, ensuring that Inuit Societal Values are acknowledged and maintained during patient and employee interactions
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary environment in a respectful manner
- Ability to work in a multi-faceted environment
- Incumbents must be willing to successfully complete all certification programs that are offered in work setting.
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The above knowledge, skills and abilities are typically acquired through;

- Bachelor of Nursing or a Diploma in nursing with one year of experience in an acute care clinical setting and/or other equivalencies or related experiences in increasingly diverse settings such as community health centres, schools, street clinics, youth centres, and nursing outposts, and with diverse partners, to meet the health needs of specific populations.
- Eligible for CANNN Registration
- Basic CPR with annual re-certification.
- Obtain (within one month of hire) and maintain the Nunavut Immunization Certification
- Possession of one or more of the following at time of hire would be preferable, with the remainder (as directed) completed within first 12 months in the role and then as required in order to maintain certification: Advanced Cardiac Life Support(ACLS), Trauma Nursing Care Course (TNCC), Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP), fetal monitoring, Emergency Nursing Pediatric Care (ENPC) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), ALARM/ESW/FHS, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, ASIST or Mental Health First Aid,
- Possession of one or more of the following would be an asset: EKG interpretation, Critical Incident Stress Management, Pelvic Examination Training, Cross Cultural Training, Specialized Nursing Certificates.

Candidates who have graduated from the Nunavut Arctic College nursing program or other Canadian accredited nursing programs and have passed their NCLEX and been accepted into the Graduate Nursing Residency Program will be considered. NAC graduates will have priority. The ability to communication in more than 1 of Nunavut’s official languages is an asset.

- This is a Highly Sensitive Position. Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks are required.

6. WORKING CONDITIONS

List the unavoidable, externally imposed conditions under which the work must be performed and which create hardship for the incumbent. Express frequency, duration and intensity of occurrence of physical demands, environmental conditions, demands on one’s senses and mental demands.

Physical Demands

Indicate the nature of physical demands and the frequency and duration of occurrences leading to physical fatigue.

- The incumbent will experience moderate physical fatigue or physical stress as he/she will be expected to perform their duties with minimal supervision. This increases the stress level as in

addition to the situational demands; the incumbent must ensure he/she is operating within policy and legislative guidelines.

- The Community Health Nurse operates in a stress filled environment as health care emergencies are frequent.
- The fact that, once decisions are made, based upon the information at hand at the time; additional information may make the decision appear faulty, opening the worker or supervisor to criticism. Given the nature and confidentiality of our work neither can explain publicly why decisions were made or what they were based upon.

Environmental Conditions

Indicate the nature of adverse environmental conditions to which the jobholder is exposed, and the frequency and duration of exposures. Include conditions that disrupt regular work schedules and travel requirements.

- The incumbent will experience considerable physical discomfort or moderate risk of accident or ill health as he/she will occasionally be required to carry a variety of equipment and materials.
- Some travel will also cause additional stress as the weather conditions will often be harsh.
- Weather conditions are harsh over winter and cause transportation difficulties to and from work and home during regular hours and on-call emergencies

Sensory Demands

Indicate the nature of demands on the jobholder’s senses to make judgments through touch, smell, sight and hearing, and judge speed and accuracy.

- The incumbent will have to have considerable sensory attention as it is expected that the incumbent will be able to diagnose his/her patient’s with the help of his/her peers and the designated physician.
- The incumbent’s attention and exposure to the following will also require considerable sensory attention:
 - Exposure to blood and body fluids – risk can be minimized through use of universal precautions
 - Exposure to animal attacks while on home visits
 - Exposure to emotionally difficult or potentially violent situations at clinic or on home visits
 - Exposure to clients with contagious conditions - risk can be minimized by maintaining immunization status and using infection control measures.
 - Exposure to hazardous substances – risk can be minimized with application of WHMIS knowledge.

Mental Demands

Indicate conditions that may lead to mental or emotional fatigue.

- The need to act and react rapidly, in a focused and well-informed manner is mandatory in this position. The incumbent spends a significant amount of time counseling. This requires excellent communication and facilitation skills. The incumbent spends time at computer writing, reviewing materials, conducting research and communicating with staff, which can result in eyestrain and other physical discomforts.
- The incumbent is exposed to competing priorities and demands. Dealing with various clients requires creativity, tact and diplomacy. All of which will lead to extreme mental stress.

7. CERTIFICATION

_____ Employee Signature	_____ Supervisor Title
_____ Printed Name	_____ Supervisor Signature
_____ Date I certify that I have read and understand the responsibilities assigned to this position.	_____ Date I certify that this job description is an accurate description of the responsibilities assigned to the position.
_____ Deputy Head Signature	
_____ Date I approve the delegation of the responsibilities outlined herein within the context of the Attached organizational structure.	

8. ORGANIZATION CHART

Please Attach Organizational Chart indicating incumbent’s position, peer positions, subordinate positions (if any) and supervisor position.

“The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the incumbent of this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and activities required of this position”.

9. APPENDIX A – List of Positions and Corresponding Information

Community	Position	Supervisor	Freebalance Code
Arctic Bay	10-04807	10-04790	10601-01-2-200-1000000-01
Arctic Bay	10-04778	10-04790	10601-01-2-200-1000000-01
Arctic Bay	10-12092	10-04790	10601-01-2-200-1000000-01
Arviat	10-00189	10-05549	10613-01-3-300-1000000-01
Arviat	10-05563	10-05549	10613-01-3-300-1000000-01
Arviat	10-05564	10-05549	10613-01-3-300-1000000-01
Arviat	10-05566	10-05549	10613-01-3-300-1000000-01
Arviat	10-07452	10-05549	10613-01-3-300-1000000-01
Arviat	10-12104	10-05549	10613-01-3-300-1000000-01
Baker Lake	10-00169	10-05550	10614-01-3-305-1000000-01
Baker Lake	10-05553	10-05550	10614-01-3-305-1000000-01
Baker Lake	10-05554	10-05550	10614-01-3-305-1000000-01
Baker Lake	10-05555	10-05550	10614-01-3-305-1000000-01
Baker Lake	10-12089	10-05550	10614-01-3-305-1000000-01
Cambridge Bay	10-05532	10-05526	10646-01-4-410-1000000-01
Cambridge Bay	10-05533	10-05526	10646-01-4-410-1000000-01
Cambridge Bay	10-05534	10-05526	10646-01-4-410-1000000-01
Cambridge Bay	10-13989	10-05526	10646-01-4-410-1000000-01
Cambridge Bay	10-13990	10-05526	10646-01-4-410-1000000-01
Chesterfield Inlet	10-05594	10-05546	10615-01-3-310-1000000-01
Clyde River	10-03565	10-04779	10603-01-2-215-1000000-01
Clyde River	10-04794	10-04779	10603-01-2-225-1000000-01
Clyde River	10-14753	10-04779	10603-01-2-225-1000000-01
Coral Harbour	10-13456	10-05548	10616-01-3-315-1000000-01
Coral Harbour	10-05596	10-05548	10616-01-3-315-1000000-01
Coral Harbour	10-05562	10-05548	10616-01-3-315-1000000-01
Gjoa Haven	10-07348	10-05528	10622-01-4-415-1000000-01
Gjoa Haven	10-05538	10-05528	10622-01-4-415-1000000-01
Gjoa Haven	10-05539	10-05528	10622-01-4-415-1000000-01
Grise Fiord	10-NEW	10-04777	10604-01-2-220-1000000-01
Igloolik	10-04733	10-04786	10606-01-2-230-1000000-01
Igloolik	10-07156	10-04786	10606-01-2-230-1000000-01
Igloolik	10-09639	10-04786	10606-01-2-230-1000000-01
Igloolik	10-04803	10-04786	10606-01-2-230-1000000-01
Kinngait	10-07153	10-04785	10602-01-2-210-1000000-01
Kinngait	10-04730	10-04785	10602-01-2-210-1000000-01
Kinngait	10-04800	10-04785	10602-01-2-210-1000000-01
Kinngait	10-04801	10-04785	10602-01-2-210-1000000-01
Kimmirut	10-04799	10-04784	10607-01-2-240-1000000-01
Kugaaruk	10-12618	10-05530	10623-01-4-425-1000000-01
Kugaaruk	10-01276	10-05530	10623-01-4-425-1000000-01
Kugluktuk	10-08340	10-05527	10624-01-4-420-1000000-01
Kugluktuk	10-10386	10-05527	10624-01-4-420-1000000-01
Kugluktuk	10-05536	10-05527	10624-01-4-420-1000000-01

Kugluktuk	10-05537	10-05527	10624-01-4-420-1000000-01
Pangnirtung	10-04732	10-04783	10609-01-2-250-1000000-01
Pangnirtung	10-04796	10-04783	10609-01-2-250-1000000-01
Pangnirtung	10-04797	10-04783	10609-01-2-250-1000000-01
Pangnirtung	10-04798	10-04783	10609-01-2-250-1000000-01
Pangnirtung	10-13998	10-04783	10609-01-2-250-1000000-01
Pond Inlet	10-09638	10-04789	10610-01-2-255-1000000-01
Pond Inlet	10-03566	10-04789	10610-01-2-255-1000000-01
Pond Inlet	10-04806	10-04789	10610-01-5-255-1000000-01
Pond Inlet	10-04731	10-04789	10610-01-2-255-1000000-01
Qikiqtarjuaq	10-04795	10-04782	10611-01-2-205-1000000-01
Rankin Inlet	10-05595	10-05552	10646-01-3-320-1000000-01
Rankin Inlet	10-07465	10-05552	10646-01-3-320-1000000-01
Rankin Inlet	10-09244	10-05552	10640-01-3-320-1000000-01
Rankin Inlet	10-05556	10-05552	10646-01-3-320-1000000-01
Rankin Inlet	10-05557	10-05552	10646-01-3-320-1000000-01
Rankin Inlet	10-05559	10-05552	10646-01-3-320-1000000-01
Naujaat	10-10628	10-05551	10618-01-3-325-1000000-01
Naujaat	10-05561	10-05551	10618-01-3-325-1000000-01
Naujaat	10-13455	10-05551	10618-01-3-325-1000000-01
Resolute Bay	10-04804	10-04788	10612-01-2-260-1000000-01
Sanikiluaq	10-05560	10-05547	10619-01-3-265-1000000-01
Sanikiluaq	10-13445	10-05547	10619-01-3-265-1000000-01
Sanikiluaq	10-NEW	10-05547	10619-01-3-265-1000000-01
Sanirajak	10-04776	10-04787	10605-01-2-225-1000000-01
Sanirajak	10-05178	10-04787	10605-01-2-225-1000000-01
Taloyoak	10-13296	10-05531	10625-01-4-430-1000000-01
Taloyoak	10-05540	10-05531	10625-01-4-430-1000000-01
Whale Cove	10-10690	10-05545	10620-01-3-330-1000000-01