

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Public health nurses integrate community involvement and knowledge about the entire population with personal, clinical understandings of the health and illness experiences of individuals and families within the population (American Public Health Association, 2009)

Public health nurses are directly engaged in the inter-disciplinary activities of the core public health functions of assessment, assurance and policy development. In any setting, the role of public health nurses focuses on the prevention of illness, injury or disability, the promotion of health, and maintenance of the health of populations. They translate and articulate the health and illness experiences of diverse, often vulnerable individuals and families in the population to health planners and policy makers, and assist members of the community to voice their problems and aspirations (American Public Health Association, 2009)

The Public Health Nurse's mission is to improve, preserve and protect the health of the citizens of the City of Peabody. The Public Health Nurse will advocate for a safe environment, for reduction of known health risks, and for application of known preventive health measures. The Public Health Nurse's scope of services include: but are not limited to:

- . Communicable disease control, surveillance and information
- . Disease cluster investigation
- . Public health prevention initiatives
- . Community wellness initiatives
- . Community health assessment
- . Health statistics
- . Emergency preparedness, planning, and response
- . Annual influenza immunization clinics
- . Support school health initiatives