



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**About the Position:** The Mississippi State Department of Health, District VIII, is seeking to fill a Public Health Program Specialist I (Breastfeeding Peer Counselor) vacancy at the Forrest County Health Department in Hattiesburg, MS.

**Job Responsibilities:** The Public Health Program Specialist I (Breastfeeding Peer Counselor) will provide routine periodic breastfeeding related counseling for pregnant and breastfeeding clients via clinic visits, mail, and phone calls according to the Breastfeeding Program Guidelines. Offers breastfeeding information and support. This is a first-level professional position also accountable for researching, consulting, planning, promoting, implementing, and/or evaluating a public health program, service, or grant or implementing environmentally influenced public health laws and regulations. At this level, employees provide assistance to partners, contractors, and agencies involved in program implementation. Positions also perform day-to-day program activities including meeting with clients, evaluating health information, and participating in public health events.

**To be Successful:** Candidate should demonstrate excellent multitasking, organizational, and communication skills. Employees must prioritize work to meet deadlines and be an effective team player. Need to have knowledge of MSDH programs and use that knowledge effectively to assist clients and/or patients as needed.

**Salary Range:** \$31,111.11 - \$42,466.67

**Schedule:** 40 hours/week

**Location(s):** Forrest County with routine travel within the District VIII area.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Bachelor of Science degree in a relevant discipline, and six months personal breastfeeding experience.

**Reference Job Action #:** 16740

**How to Apply:** Interested applicants should submit: 1.) Cover letter indicating the location(s) for which he/she is applying; 2.) State of Mississippi Employment Application and/or résumé through [MSDH Online Application](#).

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