



About the Position: The Mississippi State Department of Health is seeking to fill a Public Health Program Specialist I (Breastfeeding Peer Counselor) position at the Harrison County Health Department located in Gulfport, 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 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. Provide support to partners, contractors, and agencies involved in program implementation and perform day-to-day program activities including meeting with clients, evaluating health information, and participating in public health events.

To be Successful: Successful employees need to have excellent multitasking, organizational, leadership and communication skills. Employees must prioritize work to meet deadlines and be an effective team player. Ability to develop good rapport with patients and the public. Need to have knowledge of MSDH programs and use that knowledge effectively to assist clients and/or patients.

Salary Range: \$31,111.11 - \$46,713.34

Directly related experience and advanced education will be considered for any salary increases beyond the starting salary.

Schedule: 40 hours/week

Location(s): Harrison County (routine travel within the District, as needed)

Preferred Qualifications: Bachelor of Science degree in a relevant discipline and 0-2 years of experience with six months' personal breastfeeding experience

Reference Job Action # 18337

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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