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Epidemiologist



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Description

- Tracks and monitors the spread of diseases in groups of people, like outbreaks of the flu virus in the fall and winter
- Provides patient and public education

Educational Requirements

- Bachelor's degree and related experience, or
- Masters degree or equivalent experience in public health



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Public Health Nurse



Description

- Promotes health and safety in whole communities rather than one patient at a time
- Visits families with newborns, teaches people about tick safety, and provides vaccines for preventable diseases
- Coordinates programs to improve health

Educational Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or higher in nursing
- Licensed and registered as a professional registered nurse in New York State



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Public Health Engineer



Description

- Helps make sure the environment and public water are safe
- Works on projects related to water systems, drainage, and sanitation (like septic and sewage systems)
- Works with local and state health departments

Educational Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or higher in engineering or engineering technology



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Public Health Sanitarian



Description

- Inspects public places like restaurants, hotels, pools, and summer camps to make sure they are following health and safety rules
- Tests public water supplies to make sure they are safe

Educational Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with focus in natural and applied sciences



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Research Scientist



Description

- Uses science to investigate questions related to health and safety
- Performs tests and conducts research to better understand health and well being
- Shares their results with other scientists and public health professionals to promote health and safety

Educational Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in natural sciences or related field
- Master's degree or PhD may be required for advanced positions



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