THE EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

POSITION DESCRIPTION

1. JOB TITLE	2.DIVISION	3. DEPARTMENT
DIABETES NURSE EDUCATOR	◻ SANGRE GRANDE HOSPITAL ◻ ST. ANDREW/ST. DAVID ◻ NARIVA/MAYARO	NURSING

4. ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP	5. NATURE & SCOPE
The Diabetes Nurse Educator will report to the Primary Care Nursing Manager within the County and in collaboration with the Hospital Nursing Manager at the Sangre Grande Hospital.	The Diabetes Nurse Educator is responsible for providing health information on Diabetes Mellitus and Hypertension to individuals living with both conditions with the aim of assisting them to manage their conditions, thereby reducing complications.

6. SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES

The Diabetes Nurse Educator:

- Provides chronic disease care at all health facilities in the Region.
- Provides health information through lectures/discussions; thereby providing knowledge and skills to assist clients with the effective management of their condition at all health facilities/health centres in the Region.
- Provides individual and group counseling to all clients attending health care sessions, using the following factors: physiological, psychosocial, environmental, socio-economic and lifestyle.
- Conducts a comprehensive medical history through individualized assessment of each person with diabetes or at risk for diabetes.
- Participates in the development of chronic disease programs.
- Develops training manual for training of peer counselors.
- Assists in planning and implementing Health Education programs in the Community.
- Plans and implements chronic disease awareness programs at strategic schools within the Region.
- Submits monthly and as needed reports for clinic activities and daily reports on school and community outreach activities.
- Assists with the development of a manual for the implementation of a clinic-mobile service in the Region.
- Participates in Chronic Disease Programmes at clinics, schools and in the community.
- Participates in Control and Prevention of Chronic Diseases.
- Serves as liaison between clients, community and Health Services.
- Participates in the research activities of the Region.
- Participates in outreach and clinic mobile activities.
- Supervises sub-ordinate staff during health assessment activities.
- Performa other related work as required by the appropriate Authority.

7. KEY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Excellent analytic reporting/research skills.
- Effective communication skills, both oral and written.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the public.
- Ability to demonstrate patience and empathy when required.
- Ethical and Trustworthy
- Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite.

8. MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Training as evidence by the possession of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing or a Certificate in Basic General Nursing from a recognized institution.
- Diploma in District Health Visiting.
- Training in Diabetes Management/Counseling.
- Registration with the Nursing Council of Trinidad and Tobago.
- A minimum of five (5) years' experience in the management of patients with diabetes.

▫ Any equivalent combination of training and experience.

9. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Not applicable.

10. COMMUNICATION AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

Internal:

- ▫ Primary Care Nursing Manager
- ▫ Hospital Nursing Manager
- ▫ Primary/Secondary Care Health Team
- ▫ All Heads of Department/Line Managers
- ▫ Nursing and Clinical Staff

External:

- ▫ Patients/Clients
- ▫ Relatives of Patients/Clients
- ▫ Members of the Public
- ▫ Ministry of Health
- ▫ Other Regional Health Authorities
- ▫ Non-Governmental Organizations
- ▫ Research Organizations