

## **North Carolina Division of Public Health**

### **Occupational Health Nurse Consultant Services**

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#### **Program services**

This program provides basic consultative services that can aid employers with the start-up, delivery and enhancement of occupational health services for workers.

*Don't have a program and want to start one? Is there a new occupational health nurse on board that needs orientation and coaching? Are there other staff managing occupational health services but don't know where to start?*

*Need to recruit nurses, a doctor, service vendors or need other resources, such as program or policy templates to help you provide services to your workers?*

*Not sure if you have the right programs in place, based on the hazards and compliance requirements that are present?*

Our program can provide basic technical advice, tools or best practice recommendations to help you. See our website [http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/oeo/oii/nurse\\_consult.html](http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/oeo/oii/nurse_consult.html)

#### **Fees**

None.

#### **Who can request**

Nurses, safety personnel, other industry representatives

#### **How to request**

Complete a request form and email to [sheila.higgins@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:sheila.higgins@dhhs.nc.gov). The request form can be found at this link [http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/oeo/oii/nurse\\_consult.html](http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/oeo/oii/nurse_consult.html)

#### **Consultation steps**

- The consultant will evaluate the request.
- The consultant will provide technical advice, tools, or best practice recommendations via email and telephone. Onsite visits can be scheduled based on type of request, and will be accompanied by a report summarizing the visit and recommendations.
- Your feedback is important to maintain the quality of our services. An evaluation form will be sent after services are provided.
- This program does not provide direct services (e.g. clinical care, spirometry, immunizations).
- This program gives priority to new nurses, small businesses, local government and high risk industry.

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