

Sample Gap Year/Service Women's Health Clinical Nurse

Responsibilities:

1. **Serve as the Clinical Lead** for the Women's Health Working Group, participating in monthly meetings and team conference calls.
2. Help to **deliver health care** to thousands of clinic patients.
3. **Work closely with the clinical site staff** to **establish** and **share best practice protocols** for the delivery of women's health care at PIH sites.
4. **Identify patient care** and **systems issues** related to women's health and **collaborate with** the Clinical Directorate, the Women's Health Working Group, and site staff to actively address these issues.
5. **Build the capacity of clinical leadership** in women's health by contributing to formal training curricula and regular mentorship of clinical program managers.
6. **Provide advice** on the delivery of women's health care at conferences or at the requests of other programs.
7. **Keep clinical and program staff updated** on innovations within the field of women's health.
8. **Keep** other clinical and program **staff** and Boston teams **updated** on women's health programs across the organization.

Qualifications:

1. **Certified Nurse-Midwife or OB/GYN physician.**
2. **Master's Degree in Public Health** preferred.
3. **Experience in providing health care** in resource poor settings.
4. **Teaching experience**, both in a clinical setting as well as in a classroom setting.
5. General **knowledge of HIV/AIDS** and **Maternal to Child Transmission** of HIV.
6. **Proficiency in French.**
7. **Strong leadership** ability, **interpersonal communications**, and **team-building skills.**
8. **Commitment to social justice** and **advocating** for the poor.

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Dear Hiring Manager:

During my two years working as a Preventative Health Educator in the Peace Corps, I **had the opportunity to help many people** in the developing world gain more knowledge about health, medicine, and safety **much like your organization does**. I am writing to apply for the Women's Health Clinical Nurse position posted on your website because I am **committed to making the same kind of difference** in the lives of those in need as I did while I was in the Peace Corps.

As a Preventative Health Educator in Senegal, I worked with many patients who had been diagnosed with **HIV/ AIDS**. My particular area of expertise was **maternal to child HIV transmission prevention**. Within this role, I **led many workshops and seminars** both for the clinical staff and for patients. I **introduced the medical steps** that can be taken to reduce the risk of transmission to patients and taught clinical workers the basics about administering these procedures. Not only did this increase my knowledge of HIV/ AIDS in the developing world, it also helped me to **perfect my French**, which I speak fluently.

During my second year with the Peace Corps, I **was promoted** to a more administrative role, I was on a team that was responsible for **distributing our clinic's resources**, which totaled only \$500,000 a year. In order to effectively distribute these resources, I **conducted a needs assessment** and discovered that we were spending most of our budget on medical supplies. After reaching out to major hospitals in the US, I **was able to establish a donation system** that allowed us to receive surplus supplies from those hospitals. As a **result**, our clinic was able to spend more money on preventative treatments and education.

Partners in Health has earned its outstanding reputation not only through the success of its clinics but also by demonstrating how all the resources of a community can be mobilized to succeed at a common goal. I would feel privileged to use my experience with the Peace Corps and nursing education at Northeastern University to be a part of Partners in Health's continued success.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications with you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Anita Blum