



# REGISTERED NURSE - HEALTH EDUCATOR

**\$60,999 - \$70,755**

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**June 22, 2021**

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**OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO**



Ouray County lies in southwest Colorado and encompasses a diverse landscape, including the headwaters of the Uncompahgre River in the high country of the San

Juan Mountains, the broad mesas of the Uncompahgre Plateau region, and the valley of the Uncompahgre River. The county covers 542 square miles, has a population of approximately 4,800 residents, and has two incorporated municipalities: The City of Ouray and the Town of Ridgway. Visitors from around the world are drawn to Ouray County for its history, natural beauty, and variety of outdoor activities. The quality of Ouray County is unmatched anywhere else in the world. The County’s unparalleled scenery, numerous historic buildings, wide range of affordable and comfortable lodging, unique artisan shops and galleries, diverse restaurants, and countless recreational opportunities available year-round keep visitors coming back and residents continually enjoying the gem that is Ouray County.

The City of Ouray, the county seat, is known as the “Switzerland of America” due to the snow-capped San Juan Mountains rising on three and a half sides of the City. The City was named after Chief Ouray of the Ute Indians and was established by miners looking for silver and gold. In 1875, Ouray had more than thirty active gold and silver mines, which still play a part in the region’s history today. While active mining operations and agriculture remain a vital and active part of life in Ouray County, tourism now forms the basis of its economy. The mountains and canyons surrounding Ouray are filled with some of the West’s most unforgettable scenery. The region is known as “The Jeeping Capital of the World” due to its extreme high mountain passes and rugged winding roads which bring adventurers to flower-filled meadows and scenic valleys. It is also known for its Ice Park, which brings ice climbers from around the world to partake in this extreme sport. Residents and visitors can also experience world-class climbing, backcountry and cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing or visit the famous, sulfur-free Ouray Hot Springs Pool that offers nearly one-million gallons of naturally heated water that is enjoyable in any season.



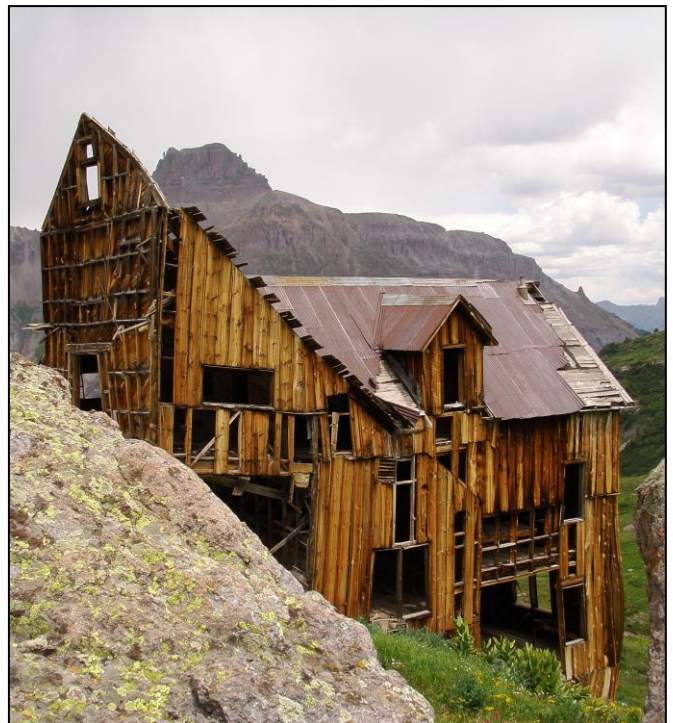
To the north of Ouray in central Ouray County, the Town of Ridgway is known as a welcoming, community-minded rural town with charismatic energy, situated in a beautiful mountain valley. The town served as the headquarters of the world-famous Rio Grande Southern narrow-gauge railroad which served the area’s rich silver and gold mines, ranches, and farms. Today local museums and events preserve the history of the now defunct railroad and the heritage of traditional ranching lifestyles. The few remaining pastures surrounded by public lands and wilderness provide picturesque habitat for an amazing wildlife presence, from the elk and deer to the diverse birds and bald eagles. Ridgway also offers trails for walkers, hikers and bikers, excellent fishing opportunities, and snow sports that are enjoyed several months out of the year. For those looking to stay indoors, the town’s lively music and theater scene provides weekly afternoon and evening entertainment, and local restaurants provide diverse menus with fresh, locally sourced ingredients and creative dishes.





**THE COUNTY**

Ouray County operates with 68.3 FTEs on a 2021 total budget of \$14,900,000. The County operates under the direction of a 3-member Board of County Commissioners, each elected to one of three districts. The Board hires a County Administrator who directs the day-to-day operations of Ouray County government. Departments of the County include Administrator, Assessor, Attorney, Clerk & Recorder, Coroner, District Attorney, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fairgrounds and 4-H Event Center, Finance, GIS, Human Resources, Information Technology, Land Use & Planning, Maintenance, Public Health, Public Trustee, Road & Bridge, Sheriff, Social Services, Treasurer, and Weed Control.



Essential functions of this position include immunizations, developmental screening of children, Tuberculosis Surveillance, Communicable Disease investigation, and other projects as agreed upon by the Director of Public Health and the Registered Nurse. This position provides public health education on various public health related matters as assigned by the Public Health Director.

**THE DEPARTMENT & POSITION**

The Public Health Agency's mission is to promote and protect the health and environment of Ouray County residents. The Public Health Agency administers programs that affect the county as a whole, working to communicate, educate, and offer services that will provide a healthy, safe environment in which to live and work. Ouray County Public Health Agency is supported by residential taxes, as well as state and federal funding through the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. The department also has programs that are grant funded. There are also several small private sector donations provided services for clients in the County.

The Registered Nurse / Health Educator will provide public health nursing services and public health education on behalf of the Ouray County Public Health Agency. The number of hours for this position is dependent on funding availability.

Public Health experience or training is necessary to be able to function in this capacity. An understanding of vaccination schedules for all ages and an understanding of normal developmental stages of children is required.

**IDEAL CANDIDATE**

**Education & Experience:**

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree in Nursing from an accredited school of nursing by the National League for Nursing, and three (3) to five (5) years of experience in a public health department or clinical practice.

Candidates must have experience vaccinating infants through elderly, experience with public health outreach on various public health services, prevention and wellness, and be licensed in the State of Colorado as a Registered Nurse by time of hire.

**COMPENSATION & BENEFITS**

- **\$60,999 - \$70,755 DOQ**
- Health Insurance (covers the premium for the employee)
- Life Insurance (covers \$10,000 for the employee) - additional coverage can be purchased.
- Offers Dental and Vision insurance
- Offers ancillary coverage options like Cancer insurance, Accident Insurance, Additional Life Insurance, etc.
- Retirement (5% paid for by employee and matched by the County at 5%)
- Offers the ability to participate in a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan
- Nine to ten paid holidays annually
- Vacation accrual and leave
- Personal Leave
- Sick Leave

For more information, please visit:  
[www.ouraycountyco.gov](http://www.ouraycountyco.gov)



Ouray County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to apply by **June 22, 2021** (first review, open until filled). Applications will only be accepted electronically. To **apply online**, go to [www.prothman.com](http://www.prothman.com) and click on "Open Recruitments" followed by "Registered Nurse – Health Educator – Ouray County, CO" and follow the directions provided, or please [click here](#). Page 1 top right photo provided by Ouray County via Lora Slawitschka.



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