The mission of the Chippewa County Public Health is to provide efficient and effective health care services to individuals, families, and communities in Chippewa County. Included are services to improve or protect the health of individuals, to prevent disease in the community, and to maintain or rehabilitate the chronically ill or disabled. The programs offered by Chippewa County Public Health include Reproductive/Perinatal Health (127 clients served), Infant and Child Health, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children, 1290 clients per month), Healthy Start Outreach, Public Health Nursing, School Nursing Services, Adolescent Health, KidsCare (196 clients), HealthCheck (303 clients), For U (Family Oriented Resource for Under 21, 138 children and families served in 1995), Wisconsin Women’s Cancer Control Program (51 clients), Home Health Care (414 persons received service in 21,331 visits). Expenditures to provide these and additional programs were $1,802,161 in 1995.

The mission of the WIC Program is to promote and maintain the health and well being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding, post-partum women, infants, and children. In 1998, the WIC program had a monthly caseload of 1,190 clients. As a result of WIC, $565,698 in food was purchased from local merchants. The WIC program budget for 1998 was $139,548. The education and counseling services are provided by 5 employees, 4 regular and 1 on a contractual basis. The services of the WIC program are provided in one main office and 3 satellite clinics.

Students conduct individualized nutrition assessment of participants in Public Health programs, such as the WIC program. Nutrition education classes and/or materials are also planned and/or presented. Nutrition counseling and experiences that identify the role of the dietitian in public health are integrated into the educational activities at this site.