

PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: A Public Health Sanitarian performs a variety of technical and professional activities which include the investigation and inspection of the non-engineering aspects of environmental health programs, and also includes education, prevention, and control activities affecting public health. A Public Health Sanitarian investigates nuisance conditions, interprets laboratory reports, conducts inspections at a variety of permitted facilities, provides training assistance and direction to subordinate personnel, prepares reports and recommendations and testifies at enforcement proceedings. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Sr. Public Health Sanitarian or Environmental Health Director. A Public Health Sanitarian does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Inspection of food service establishments, public and private water supplies, private sewage disposal systems, bathing beaches and swimming pools, temporary residences, farm labor camps, mobile home parks, children's camps;
- Conducts soil percolation tests and designs private sewage disposal systems;
- May perform investigations related to animal bites/rabies, lead based paint, radon, refuse disposal, rodent/insect infestations, hazardous waste disposal sites, tobacco product sales/vending, etc.;
- Collects water, food and other samples for laboratory examination;
- Prepares various reports on inspections and investigations as may be required;
- May provide technical assistance, direction, and guidance to Public Health Sanitarian Trainees, Technicians, and Aides.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of environmental health practices and inspection methods; ability to coordinate work with others; ability to prepare detailed reports; ability to train others in environmental health work; ability to develop good working relationships; ability to communicate well with business operators and members of the general public; good professional judgment; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

A) Possession of a Bachelor's degree including a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours in the physical or biological sciences;

OR

B) Possession of five (5) years experience as a Public Health Technician deemed satisfactory by the local Commissioner of Health or Public Health Director.

NOTE: Your degree must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the New York State Civil Service website. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Persons qualifying under (A) above must satisfactorily complete a training course approved by the State Health Department within one (1) year of appointment and, at the time of appointment, must possess and maintain a driver's license which is valid for operating a vehicle in New York State.

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