

HEAD LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is skilled and supervisory work which involves responsibility for overseeing all activities in a pool/beach area and its immediate surroundings. Supervision is exercised over a varying number of Lifeguards. The work is performed under general direction of a swim program director or recreation administrator. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Supervises Lifeguards in the monitoring of swim areas;
Participates in monitoring activities in swim areas and immediate surroundings to prevent accidents;
Directs the enforcement of safety rules and regulations;
Administers emergency first aid;
Maintains order in swim areas;
Inspects facilities and equipment for cleanliness and operating efficiency;
Directs maintenance and cleaning activities;
Maintains records and prepares activity reports;
May participate in and/or supervise the cleaning and refilling of the swimming pool;
May conduct an instructional program in all areas of a swimming curriculum;
May administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in life threatening situations;
May conduct or officiate a swim meet.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of water safety rules and regulations; thorough knowledge of water rescue techniques; good knowledge of emergency first aid and CPR procedures and techniques; ability to supervise the work of others; excellent swimming ability; ability to communicate effectively.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age with two (2) seasons of adequate lifeguarding experience; and
2. Possession of a current certification in American Red Cross (ARC) Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer CPR or equivalent certification as determined by the New York State Department of Health; and
3. Possession of a current lifeguard certification from the American Red Cross or other recognized certifying agency acceptable to the New York State Department of Health.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: It shall be the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure the compliance with all age restrictions and other training and physical capability requirements and/or other certifications that may be required by state or local sanitary code.