LABORATORY ASSISTANT (PH)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is generally routine work of a manual nature which primarily involves taking blood samples from patients at County Health Department clinics and lead testing sites. The work differs from Laboratory Assistant in “off-site” testing and the population served. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a Public Health Nurse. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:
Performs venipuncture on patients at various Health Department clinics and at lead testing sites;
Performs hematocrits on patients at the clinics;
Prepares lab samples for mailing or processing;
Cleans up blood collection station;
May perform other routine work (e.g. answering phones, stocking supplies, filling out and filing lab slips, organizing clinic flow, etc.) on an occasional basis.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:
Working knowledge of specimen collection in terms of how much, what type and required patient status at time of test; ability to take blood samples from a variety of persons; ability to read and write English; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; skill in venipuncture.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: No formal education, training and experience requirements; however, requirements of the New York State Labor Law must be met and administered by the appointing authority.

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