

PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is work of a moderately complex nature which involves the responsibility for overseeing a variety of public health activities and programs including supervising, directing, investigating and inspecting programs that impact the environment, housing and/or food service establishments. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level administrator and direct supervision is exercised over professional, technical and clerical employees. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Oversees a public health inspection program including, but not limited to food service establishments, housing, temporary residences, mobile home parks, bathing beaches and swimming pools, children's camps, surveillance and sampling of water supplies, nuisance complaints relating to sewage, garbage, and insects, rabies control, and issuing permits for garbage and scavenger trucks;

Collects water, food and other samples for laboratory examination;

Prepares reports on inspections and investigations;

Maintains contact with various groups and officials (e.g. news media, public officials, landlord groups, restaurant owners, trade unions, homeowner associations, state, federal and local agencies, etc.) to discuss the goals and requirements of program-related health problems, regulations, etc.;

Supervises and trains environmental and other public health employees.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of environmental health particularly those pertaining to the inspection of housing, food service establishments, and other related programs; thorough knowledge of the Rockland County Sanitary Code, New York State Sanitary Codes, and the New York State Public Health Law as they pertain to environmental health; ability to interpret and apply complex regulations; ability to supervise the work of others; ability to prepare a variety of technical reports; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with others, including the public and various groups interested in housing and/or food service establishment inspection activities; ability to train subordinates in environmental health inspection activities, especially activities involved in the enforcement of the Sanitary Code regulations; ability to understand and implement basic legal processes necessary to conduct hearings and collect fines.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A Bachelor's degree or higher which included thirty (30) credit hours in the Natural Sciences*, of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences**, or
2. Five (5) years of experience as a Public Health Technician I or Public Health Technician II, and satisfactory completion of a public health training course approved by the New York State Department of Health.

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of a public health training course approved by the New York State Department of Health must be completed within two (2) years of appointment applies to #1 above; and
2. Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation to meet field work requirements in a timely and efficient manner.

*Natural science shall be defined as science such as biology, chemistry or physics that deals with the objects, phenomena, or laws of nature and the physical world. It shall include all physical and biological sciences.

**Applied science shall mean science-based courses in environmental technology, sanitation technology, medical technology, public health, infection control or food science.