

PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN I

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is entry-level technical public health or environmental health work involving a responsibility for making inspections and gathering information relative to the operation of the various public health or environmental health programs administered by the Department of Health. The work is performed under the direction of a Public Health professional. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Conducts routine inspections of sanitary and safety conditions at residences, dwelling units, rooming houses, public places, properties, businesses, retail tobacco facilities, and body art establishments;
Conducts inspections of restaurants and public eating places for proper food handling, food preparation procedures and food service;
Conducts compliance inspections of sewage disposal systems, public and private water supplies, source separation, refuse disposal, and rodent control;
Investigates complaints and inspects nuisance conditions, sewage spill incidents, rodent harborages, and allegations of illness or injury associated with restaurants, children's camps, public bathing facilities and body art establishments;
Inspects garbage and scavenger trucks and conducts flow control surveillance activities to ensure proper source separation and disposal of recyclable materials;
Responds to and investigates reports of animal bites;
Maintains records and prepares reports on inspections and investigations;
Collects food, water, soil and lead paint or swab samples when necessary and conducts dye testing on sewage systems;
Provides oral and written testimony pertaining to health code violations;
Participates and assists in the planning of rabies vaccination clinics (pets);
Performs other duties such as collection of household hazardous waste and participation in bioterrorism preparedness and nuclear response drills.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the basic principles, practices and techniques of public health or environmental health inspections; good knowledge of state and local sanitary codes, as they pertain to public health or environmental health; ability to perform public health or environmental health inspections; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with others; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: An Associate's degree, or equivalent college credits, (minimum of sixty (60) credit hours), or higher degree, which must have included or been supplemented by a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours in natural sciences*, of which not more than six (6) credit hours may be in the applied sciences**.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must complete a public health training course approved by New York State Department of Health within two (2) years of appointment.
2. Possession of a valid motor vehicles license or accessibility to transportation to meet field work requirements in a timely and efficient manner.

(over)

*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 be defined as science based courses in environmental, sanitation and medical technology, public health, infection control or food science.