

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is skilled work of teaching and instructing proper swimming techniques and water safety practices. It also involves responsibility for maintaining the safety of participants. The work is performed under general direction of a Head Water Safety Instructor, swim program director or recreation administrator. This work is distinguished from a Lifeguard who is responsible for monitoring the safety of swimmers during open swim time. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Teaches/instructs proper swimming techniques and water safety;
Maintains discipline;
Assists in testing and assessing student progress;
Organizes and maintains lesson plans and drills, following American Red Cross skill sequence;
Maintains accurate records of skill progress of students;
May administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in life threatening situations.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of swimming skills and the methods of teaching them; good knowledge of water safety rules and regulations; good knowledge of water rescue techniques; good knowledge of emergency first aid procedures and techniques; ability to communicate effectively; ability to maintain discipline.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of current American Red Cross certification for Water Safety Instructor or its equivalent as determined by the NY State Department of Health.

NOTES:

- 1) It shall be the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure the compliance with all other training and physical requirements and/or other certifications that may be required by state or local sanitary codes including Subparts 6-1 and 6-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code.
- 2) A Water Safety Instructor cannot perform Lifeguard duties, unless co-certified as such.