

## **SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This position involves supervising and performing complex work in the application of the principles of the physical, biological and social sciences for the detection, evaluation, control and management of those factors in the environment which influence health. An employee in this position is responsible for planning, supervising and carrying out more than one environmental health program. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Director of Environmental Health Services. Supervision is exercised over the work of Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Supervises Public Health Sanitarians responsible for all or part of one or more environmental health programs involving, but not limited to, food service establishments, lead screening, private water supplies, private sewage disposal, rodent control, housing, bathing beaches and swimming pools, facilities for refuse disposal, x-ray installations, temporary residences and summer camps;

Supervises and makes public health investigations as well as prepares reports and recommendations;

Studies present and proposed local regulations to determine conformity with the State Sanitary Code and confers with local officials regarding resolutions that do not conform;

Coordinates investigations of animal bites and may issue orders to collect specimens concerning rabies infections;

Trains Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians;

Advises Public Health Sanitarians on complaints received concerning the assigned program area;

Coordinate the investigation of food and water borne diseases reported by local hospitals, laboratories or health care facilities, and takes appropriate control measures;

Coordinates the environmental components of epidemiological investigations relating to food borne illness;

May serve as consultant to local jurisdictions involving discussions, instructions and demonstrations;

May teach sanitary food handling techniques to food service establishment personnel.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Thorough knowledge of environmental health principles, sanitation laws, regulations and modern inspection methods;

Good knowledge of natural science;

Good knowledge of mathematics;

Ability to inspect for and detect environmental health problems and

hazards;  
Ability to develop and maintain good public relations;  
Ability to prepare records and reports;  
Ability to plan and supervise the work of others;  
Ability to explain legal provisions and environmental health practices;  
Good professional judgment.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS\*:**

- A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree, which must have included at least 30 semester credit hours in the physical and biological sciences, and two years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian; OR
- B) Five (5) years of experience as a Public Health Technician and two (2) years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian, deemed satisfactory by the local commissioner of health or public health director.

**PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS\*:** Two (2) years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian.

\*Per section 11.112 of the New York State Department of Health - Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYSDOHCRR).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Incumbents must satisfactorily complete a training course approved by the NYSDOH within one year of appointment; and
- 2) Possession of the appropriate level Motor Vehicle Operator's License or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the transportation needs of the position.

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