

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
EEO Category: Technicians
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PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN II

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This technical position exists in the Oneida County Department of Public Health and involves responsibility for assisting Public Health Sanitarians and Engineers in carrying out the various elements of prevention and control programs affecting public health. This position differs from that of a Public Health Technician I in the difficulty of the duties performed. The incumbent may act as a team or group lead over Public Health Technician I. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Public Health Sanitarian. The incumbent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of sanitary conditions of campgrounds, temporary residences, farm labor housing, mobile home parks, and other premises including public or individual water supplies and sewage disposal devices, refuse disposal, air pollution, public health nuisance complaints, and general sanitation;

Advises lower-level staff and informs homeowners and local officials on methods and procedures relating to insect and rodent control;

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of swimming pools and beaches to determine compliance with local and State Sanitary Code requirements;

Collects samples of drinking water for laboratory analysis to determine organic, inorganic, and bacterial contamination;

Tests drinking water samples for chlorine levels;

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of restaurants and public eating places, including arrangements of food handling and storage, food service, and dishwashing and disinfection of dishes and utensils;

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of public health nuisances such as mosquito and fly breeding places, rodent harborages, and related matters and advises local officials of corrective measures;

Performs visual inspections or re-inspections of homes for safety hazards;

Advises homeowners on bat control, including repellants and building improvement to prevent entry;

Advises homeowners, tenants, and landlords on methods and procedures to reduce safety hazards in the home;

Aids homeowners, lower-level staff, local officials, and commercial operators on proper sanitary operation of wells, pumps, and water protection;

Maintains records and completes inspection reports related to work.

Collects and delivers suspected diseased animals to State laboratories for analysis;

May provide and review health related and safety hazard reduction materials with homeowners, tenants, and landlords;

May make presentations to educate the public.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of basic principles and practices related to proper environmental public health inspection techniques; good knowledge of community agencies and referral processes; working knowledge of enforcement policies and procedures; working knowledge of general principles of biology, chemistry, and general science; ability to perform field investigations and tests of environmental samples; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with the public and staff; ability to understand and interpret written material; ability to solve arithmetic problems related to environmental public health inspections; ability to prepare accurate reports; skill in health inspection techniques.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (A) Possession of Associate's Degree in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, engineering, environmental health, environmental science, environmental studies, geochemistry, geology, health science, industrial hygiene, natural science, physical science, public health, or closely related field; **OR**
- (B) Graduation from high school or possession of high school equivalency diploma **AND** three (3) years of experience in environmental protection or public health.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of appointment. License must remain valid throughout appointment.
- 2. Appointees must satisfactorily complete a public health training course approved by the New York State Department of Health within two (2) years of appointment.

NOTE: Degree(s) must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If the degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, the candidate must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. Candidates will be required to pay the evaluation fee.

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