Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
EEO Category: Professional
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SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position exists in the Oneida County Department of Public Health and involves responsibility for supervising and performing complex work in the application of the principles of 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 class is responsible for planning, supervising, and carrying out aspects of one or more environmental health programs. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher-level Public Health Sanitarian. Supervision is exercised over the work of Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians. The incumbent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Supervises and participates in several environmental health programs involving food service establishments, private water supplies, private sewage disposal, rodent control, housing, bathing beaches, swimming pools, children's camps, temporary residences, farm labor camps, mobile home parks, public water supplies, lead poisoning and nuisance investigations;

Conducts pollution studies and soil percolation tests;

Supervises and conducts investigations and prepares reports and recommendations;

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

Investigates chemical emergencies and outbreaks of disease;

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

Trains Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians;

Performs public water supply inspections and environmental health assessments.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of environmental health principles, sanitation laws, New York State Public Health Laws, regulations, and modern inspection methods; ability to inspect for, and detect, environmental health problems and hazards; ability to develop and maintain good public relations; ability to plan and supervise the work of Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians; good professional judgment.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

(A) Possession of Bachelor's Degree including thirty (30) credit hours in the natural sciences* of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences** **AND** two years of experience as a public health sanitarian; **OR**

(B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **AND** five (5) years of experience as a Public Health Technician deemed satisfactory by the local commissioner of health or public health director **AND** two (2) years experience as a Public Health Sanitarian or equivalent environmental health experience.

*The term natural science shall mean a 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.

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

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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