

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY HEALTH
CLASSIFICATION: COMPETITIVE
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PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN II

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is routine sub-professional public health work involving responsibility for making inspections and carrying out one or more specialized phases of the public health program in any municipal Health Department. The work involves gathering information for use by Public Health Engineers and Public Health Sanitarians in determining compliance with local and State Sanitary Code requirements. Depending upon assignments, the work is performed under general or direct supervision of a technical superior who reviews reports and provides advisory assistance when necessary. Performs sub-professional environmental health inspections. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Makes routine and follow-up inspections of sanitary and safety conditions of camps, hotels, lodging and boarding houses and other premises including semi-public or individual water supplies and sewage disposal devices, refuse disposal, air pollution, x-ray installations, public health nuisance complaints and general sanitation;
2. Makes routine and follow-up inspections of dairy farms and milk pasteurization plants, collects milk and water samples and otherwise assists in enforcement of local and State Sanitary Codes in relation to milk supplies and dairy products;
3. Makes routine and follow-up inspections of handling display and storage of food in retail establishments;
4. Makes routine and follow-up inspections of restaurants and public eating places, including arrangements of food handling, food services, dish washing and disinfection of dishes and utensils;
5. Collects swab samples and water samples;
6. Makes routine and follow-up inspections of swimming pools and places to determine compliance with local and State Sanitary Code requirements;
7. Makes routine and follow-up inspections of nuisances, mosquito and fly breeding places, rodent harborage and related matters;
8. Maintains records and completes inspection reports;
9. Performs other specific tasks related to above matters as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge and understanding of the basic principles and practices related to proper public health inspection of the establishments and matters mentioned above; good knowledge of acceptable compliance with provisions of the State Sanitary Code related to the above establishments and matters; good knowledge of general principles of biology, chemistry and general science; skill in health inspection techniques; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationship with the public; ability to understand and interpret written materials; ability to read maps and drawings; ability to solve arithmetic problems related to environmental public health inspections; ability to prepare accurate reports; good powers of observation; mental alertness; firmness; tact; good judgment; willingness to work outdoors under all weather and terrain conditions; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Graduation with an Associate's Degree which included a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credit hours in the natural sciences, of which not more than six (6) credit hours may be in the applied sciences, and satisfactory completion of the NYSDOH Basic Environmental Health Program and at least one (1) year of service as a Public Health Technician Trainee; OR
2. Satisfactory completion of sixty (60) semester credit hours which included a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credit hours in the natural sciences, of which not more than six (6) credit hours may be in the applied sciences, and satisfactory completion of the NYSDOH Basic Environmental Health Program and at least one (1) year of service as a Public Health Technician Trainee.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Individuals who meet the above requirements may apply for a certificate as Public Health Technician II issued by the Niagara County Director of Public Health. Possession of the certificate is required at time of appointment.
2. Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of appointment and throughout the duration of employment.

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NOTE:

1. Degrees 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.
2. 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.
3. The term applied science shall mean science based courses in environmental technology, sanitation technology, medical technology, public health, infection control or food science.

EXAMPLES OF SATISFACTORY COURSES

Natural Sciences (Physical and Biological)

Biology

General Biology
Microbiology
Genetics
Entomology
Parasitology
Marine Biology
Nutrition

Botany

General Botany
Physiology
Morphology
Taxonomy

Chemistry

General Inorganic Chemistry
Qualitative Analysis
Organic Chemistry
Biochemistry
Quantitative Analysis
Physical Chemistry

Earth Science

Geology
Hydrology
Meteorology
Astronomy
Marine Geology

Physics

General Physics
Intermediate Physics
Pathology

Zoology

General Zoology
Cooperative Anatomy
Physiology
Taxonomy
Invertebrate Zoology