

DEPARTMENT: ALL APPLICABLE
CLASSIFICATION: NON-COMPETITIVE – NYSCSC APPROVED 07/17/2006
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LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Performs routine patrol work at a bathing facility, looking after the safety and welfare of the bathers. This work consists primarily of routine patrol tasks performed under direct supervision. There is, however, considerable responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment in emergencies. An error in judgment might result in loss of life. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Stands watch or patrols bathing facility, keeping bathers within bounds and going to their aid when they are in difficulty;
2. Applies resuscitation techniques and otherwise renders first aid;
3. When assigned, instructs beginners in swimming and life saving;
4. Keeps the bathing facility free of debris and maintains sanitary conditions;
5. Performs other routine duties such as maintaining order and compliance with bathing facility rules.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of first aid, life saving and rescue work as applied to accidents in the water; ability to swim well, ability to deal with the public and to secure cooperation without unnecessary antagonism; ability to keep records and make simple reports and arithmetic computations; good observation; mental alertness; good moral character; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of current Lifeguard Training and CPR certifications. Lifeguard certifications are generally valid for two (2) years and CPR is only valid for one (1) year from course completion regardless of the expiration date on the card. For employment at a Level II B Pool and/or Beach, candidates must also possess a Waterfront Skills certification.

NOTE: Standards for lifeguard and CPR certifications are contained in NYS Sanitary Code Part 6. Refer to www.health.ny.gov for most current certification list.