

**DEPARTMENT:** COUNTY HEALTH  
**CLASSIFICATION:** COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** JULY 25, 2014

**SUPERVISORY PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** Performs professional public environmental health work. The work involves specific program responsibility and supervision along with assisting a higher level sanitarian or engineer by performing activities of more than ordinary difficulty and responsibility. The work is usually performed under the general direction of a Public Health Engineer or the Associate Supervisory Public Health Sanitarian. Supervision may be exercised over a staff which may include Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Supervises all or part of several public environmental health programs including:
  - a. **Community Environmental Health Activities** such as food service establishments, private water supplies, private sewage disposal, childhood lead poisoning prevention, tattoo and body piercing, rodent control, housing hygiene, bathing beaches, swimming pools, x-ray installations, temporary residences, adolescent tobacco, smoking, migrant labor camps, rabies, arthropod surveillance, complaints and emergencies;
  - b. **Air Pollution Control Activities** such as investigating complaints and air pollution emergencies affecting health;
  - c. **Waste Disposal Activities** such as hazardous waste facility inspection and review, hazardous general waste transportation and general refuse disposal operations related to public health including plan and site review;
2. Conducts inspections, makes investigations and prepares reports and recommendations;
3. Serves as consultant to local jurisdictions involving discussions, instructions and demonstrations centered around public environmental health issues;
4. Studies present and proposed regulations to determine conformity with the State Sanitary Code and confers with local officials regarding resolutions which do not conform;
5. Examines plans relating to restaurant construction, swimming pools, etc. to determine compliance with existing regulations;
6. Trains, supervises, and evaluates the work of Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians.
7. Coordinates enforcement actions for programs under his/her jurisdiction.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Thorough knowledge of public health and environmental health practices; thorough knowledge of all applicable federal, state and local laws related to public health and environmental health; ability to conduct inspections and investigations related to public health and environmental health matters; ability to supervise the work of others; ability to maintain records and prepare written reports; ability to communicate verbally and in writing; ability to train others in environmental health work; ability to relate to the public and the regulated community; good working professional judgment; integrity; tact and courtesy; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**PROMOTIONAL:**

Two (2) years of permanent competitive class status as a Public Health Sanitarian in the Niagara County Health Department immediately preceding the examination.

**OPEN-COMPETITIVE:** Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree including a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours in natural science, of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences; **AND EITHER:**

1. Two (2) years of satisfactory full-time paid experience in public environmental health activities as a Public Health Sanitarian in a New York State city or county or in the State Department of Health; **OR**
2. Two (2) years of equivalent satisfactory full-time paid experience in public environmental health activities.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Individuals meeting the above requirements may apply for a certificate as a Supervisory Public Health Sanitarian issued by the Niagara County Public Health Director. Possession of the certificate is required at the time of the appointment.

Possession of a New York State driver's license at time of appointment and throughout duration of employment.

**NOTE:** Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Doctorate or Master's Degree in public health acceptable to the Niagara County Public Health Director may be substituted for one (1) year of the general experience requirement.