

PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN TRAINEE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class undergoes on-the-job training to become qualified as a Public Health Technician. Under close supervision, the employee learns and assists in carrying out various elements of prevention and control programs affecting the public's health. The duties of this position include inspection of food service establishments, water supply systems, camping sites, motels, hotels, bathing beaches, swimming pools, etc., to ensure compliance with applicable New York State and Ulster County Sanitary Codes and Environmental Conservation Law and Regulation requirements. Employment in this title is limited to one year. Upon successful completion of the one year training term the employee is promoted to the title of Public Health Technician. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Performs study and reading assignments;

Observes demonstrations and otherwise learns public health inspections techniques;

Observes the routine inspections of sanitary conditions of camps, summer hotels, lodging and boarding houses.

Observes the sampling of water and other sampling of public health quality concerns;

Observes the inspections of swimming pools and bathing areas;

Observes the inspections of the breeding areas and harborages of nuisances, such as mosquito's, flies and rodents;

Learns and assists in making inspections related to public health programs;

Performs increasingly responsible duties as assigned.

May assist in maintenance of records;

May assist in the maintenance of reports;

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of principles of natural science; working knowledge of arithmetic; ability to acquire the knowledge and understanding of basic principles, techniques and practices of public health inspection; ability to develop cooperative relationships with associates and to deal effectively with the public; ability to acquire skill in inspection techniques; ability to prepare concise reports; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Possession of an Associate's or higher level degree from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university, including or supplemented by 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; **OR**
- B. Satisfactory completion of sixty (60) semester credit hours from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university, including or supplemented by 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.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: At time of appointment and throughout employment in this title, candidates must possess a valid New York State driver's license.

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