

## **SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** An employee in this class performs supervisory public health inspection work involving responsibility for overseeing the details of and for carrying out the more difficult phases of public health inspection activities. The work involves the coordination of information for use by Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Engineers to determine compliance with applicable New York State and Ulster County Sanitary Codes as well as Environmental Conservation Law and Regulation requirements. Supervision is exercised over lower level public health inspection personnel. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level employee. 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.

Arranges inspection schedules and assigns work to Public Health Technicians and/ or Trainees;

Supervises the maintenance of detailed records and the preparation of inspection reports;

Reviews work and inspection reports for quality and quantity;

Carries out inspection policies and priorities;

Participates in complex public health inspections;

Provides training to inspection personnel;

May testify at enforcement proceedings.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Thorough knowledge and understanding of the basic principles and practices related to the public health inspection of the establishments and matters mentioned above; thorough knowledge of compliance with the provisions of the State Sanitary Code related to establishments and matters mentioned above; good knowledge of acceptable compliance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Laws and Regulations related to establishments and matters mentioned above; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to be courteous yet firm with the public while maintaining a cooperative relationship; ability to train subordinates in accepted public health inspection techniques; skill in public inspection techniques; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Either:

- A. Possession of an Associate's or higher level degree; **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 twelve (12) semester credit hours in the physical or biological sciences and two (2) years of experience as

a Public Health Technician \*; **OR**

C. Two (2) years of work experience in a public environmental health program.

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

\*Experience in the former title of Environmental Health Technician is creditable as Public Health Technician experience. Up to one year of experience in the title of Public Health Technician Trainee or in the former title of Environmental Health Technician Trainee is creditable as Public Health Technician experience for purposes of these minimum qualifications.

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