

## **LABORATORY ASSISTANT (PH)**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is generally routine work of a manual nature which primarily involves taking blood samples from patients at County Health Department clinics and lead testing sites. The work differs from Laboratory Assistant in "off-site" testing and the population served. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a Public Health Nurse. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Performs venipuncture on patients at various Health Department clinics and at lead testing sites;

Performs hematocrits on patients at the clinics;

Prepares lab samples for mailing or processing;

Cleans up blood collection station;

May perform other routine work (e.g. answering phones, stocking supplies, filling out and filing lab slips, organizing clinic flow, etc.) on an occasional basis.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Working knowledge of specimen collection in terms of how much, what type and required patient status at time of test; ability to take blood samples from a variety of persons; ability to read and write English; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; skill in venipuncture.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** No formal education, training and experience requirements; however, requirements of the New York State Labor Law must be met and administered by the appointing authority.