

## **SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is professional and supervisory work of a complex nature which includes responsibility for overseeing a variety of public health activities, including planning, and overseeing a variety of environmental health programs, including directing the investigation and inspection of various programs. The work differs from that of a Public Health Sanitarian in the increased level of responsibility and for handling the more complex assignments. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level administrator and supervision is exercised over professional, technical and clerical employees. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Supervises the work of several environmental health programs (e.g. food service establishments, private water supplies, private sewage disposal, rodent control, housing, bathing beaches and swimming pools, facilities for refuse disposal, temporary residences, etc.);  
Defines and evaluates program goals and objectives;  
Performs complex investigation and inspection work, conducts hearings, and makes recommendations;  
Acts as liaison for local jurisdictions, groups and officials (e.g. public officials, landlord groups, restaurant owners, state and federal and local agencies) to discuss the requirements of program-related health problems, regulations, etc.;  
Acts as liaison for other environmental health programs (e.g. lead inspection, collection of hazardous household waste, radiological health/Indian Point drills, etc.);  
Researches current and proposed local regulations to determine conformity with New York State Sanitary Code and consults with local officials regarding resolutions which do not conform;  
Prepares legal enforcement action as necessary to obtain compliance and testifies as an expert witness to present inspection findings and code interpretations during hearings;  
Approves and issues permits on behalf of the Commissioner of Health;  
Prepares complex reports;  
Examines plans for new and renovated kitchens for service food establishments;  
Supervises and trains subordinate staff.

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

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of environmental health particularly those pertaining to inspection of housing, food service establishments, and other related programs; thorough knowledge of the Rockland County Sanitary Code, New York State Sanitary Codes, and the New York State Public Health Law as they pertain to environmental health; ability to understand, interpret and apply complex regulations; ability to supervise the work of others; ability to plan and supervise the activities of one or more environmental health programs; ability to train staff in environmental health inspection activities, especially activities involved in the enforcement of Sanitary Code regulations; ability to prepare a variety of written technical reports; ability to understand and interpret written material; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relations with others, including the public and various groups.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. A Bachelor's degree or higher which included thirty (30) credit hours in the Natural Sciences\*, of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences\*\* and satisfactory completion of a public health training course approved by the New York State Department of Health, and (2) two years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian, or  
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2. Five (5) years of experience as a Public Health Technician I or Public Health Technician II, and satisfactory completion of a public health training course approved by the New York State Department of Health, and two (2) years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation to meet field work requirements in a timely and efficient manner.

\*Natural science shall be defined as science such as biology, chemistry or physics that deals with the objects, phenomena, or laws of nature and the physical world. It shall include all physical and biological sciences.

\*\*Applied science shall mean science-based courses in environmental technology, sanitation technology, medical technology, public health, infection control or food science.