

Civil Division: Oneida County Government  
Jurisdictional Class: Competitive  
EEO Category: Professional  
Revised: 06/12/06

## **PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This position exists in the Department of Public Health, and involves responsibility for supervising and participating in the operations of a functional core group within the Environmental Division. An incumbent performs complex work in the application of the principles of physical, biological and social sciences for the detection, evaluation, control and management of those factors in the environment which influence health. Operations may include programs involving food service establishments, private water supplies, private sewage disposal, rodent control, housing, bathing beaches and swimming pools, children's camps, temporary residences, farm labor camps, mobile home parks, public water supplies, lead poisoning and nuisance investigations. An employee in this class is responsible for planning, supervising and carrying out aspects of one or more environmental health programs. The incumbent will also serve as a consultant to local jurisdictions involving discussions, instructions and demonstrations. The work is performed under direct supervision of the Environmental Health Director, with leeway allowed in carrying out the duties of the work. Supervision is exercised over the work of Senior Public Health Sanitarians, Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians. The incumbent performs related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative Only)

Supervises and participates in the operations of Environmental Division programs;  
Supervises and conducts investigations;  
Prepares reports and recommendations in response to investigations;  
Serves as consultant to local jurisdictions;  
Investigates chemical emergencies and outbreaks of disease;  
Studies present and proposed local regulations to determine conformity with the State Sanitary Code, and confers with local officials regarding resolutions;  
Supervises the training of Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians;  
May perform public water supply inspections and environmental health assessments.

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

Thorough knowledge of environmental health principles, sanitation laws, regulations and modern inspection methods; ability to inspect for, and detect, environmental health problems and hazards; ability to achieve resolutions of environmental health problems, hazards and nuisances; ability to develop and maintain good public relations; ability to plan and supervise the work of subordinates; good professional judgment.

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Twenty-four (24) months permanent competitive status as a Senior Public Health Sanitarian.

**NOTE:** Appointees must satisfactorily complete a training course approved by the State Health Department within one year of appointment.

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*Title in promotional series: Public Health Technician I, Public Health Technician II, Public Health Sanitarian, Senior Public Health Sanitarian, Principal Public Health Sanitarian, Supervising Public Health Sanitarian*