

Civil Division: Oneida County Government
Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
EEO Category: Technicians
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PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN II

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a technical position involving responsibility for assisting Public Health Sanitarians and Engineers in carrying out the various elements of prevention and control programs affecting public health. This position differs from that of a Public Health Technician I in the difficulty of the duties performed. The incumbent may act as a team or group leader over Public Health Technician I. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Sanitarian. The incumbent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of sanitary conditions of camps, hotels, lodging and boarding houses and other premises including public or individual water supplies and sewage disposal devices, refuse disposal, air pollution, public health nuisance complaints and general sanitation;

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of handling, display and storage of food in retail establishments;

Advises lower level staff and informs owners and local level officials on methods and procedures relating to insect and rodent control;

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of swimming pools and beaches to determine compliance with local and State sanitary Code requirements;

Collects samples of drinking water for laboratory analysis to determine organic, inorganic and bacterial contamination;

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of restaurants and public eating places, including arrangements of food handling and storage, food service, dishwashing and disinfecting of dishes and utensils;

Performs initial and follow-up inspections of public health nuisances such as mosquito and fly breeding places, rodent harborages, and related matters, informs local officials of corrective measures;

Tests drinking water samples for chlorine content, Ph, hardness and alkalinity;

Advises home owners on bat control, including repellents and building improvement to prevent entry;

Collects and delivers suspected diseased animals to State laboratories for analysis;

Aids home owners, lower level staff, local officials, and commercial operators on proper sanitary operation of wells, pumps and water protection;

Performs visual inspections or re-inspections of homes for safety hazards;

Advises homeowners, teats and landlords on methods and procedures to reduce safety hazards in the home;

Maintains records and complete inspection reports related to work;

May provide and review health related and safety hazard reduction materials with homeowners, tenants and landlords;

May make presentations to educate the public.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good Knowledge of basic principles and practices related to proper environmental public health inspection techniques; good knowledge of applicable provisions of the State Sanitary Code related to environmental public health inspections; good knowledge of community agencies and referral processes; working knowledge of enforcement policies and procedures; working knowledge of general principles of biology, chemistry, and general science; ability to perform field investigations and tests of environmental samples; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with the public and staff; ability to understand and interpret written material; ability to solve arithmetic problems related to environmental public health inspections; ability to prepare accurate reports; skill in health inspection techniques.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered two year college or university with an Associates' Degree including or supplemented by twelve (12) credit hours in the physical, biological, or environmental sciences*, of which not more than six (6) credit hours may be in the applied sciences, **AND** one (1) year of experience in environmental protection or public health; **OR**
- (B) Successful completion of sixty (60) credit hours at a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university, including or supplemented by twelve (12) credit hours in the physical, biological, or environmental sciences*, of which not more than six (6) credit hours may be in the applied sciences, **AND** two (2) years of experience in environmental protection or public health.

* The Physical and Biological Sciences include courses such as biology, microbiology, botany, zoology, general inorganic chemistry, qualitative and quantitative analyses, biochemistry, organic chemistry, geology and physics.

NOTE:

- 1. Appointees must satisfactorily complete a public health training course approved by the State Health Department within two years of appointment.
- 2. Verifiable part-time and/or volunteer experience as defined in (A) above will be pro-rated toward meeting full-time experience requirements.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of application. License must remain valid throughout appointment in order to meet the transportation requirements of the job.

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