

Civil Division: Oneida County Government
Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
EEO Category: Professional
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SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for supervising and performing 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. An employee in this class is responsible for planning, supervising and carrying out aspects of one or more environmental health programs. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher-level Public Health Sanitarian. Supervision is exercised over the work of Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians. The incumbent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Supervises and participates in several environmental health 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;

Conducts pollution studies and soil percolation tests;

Supervises and makes investigations and prepares reports and recommendations;

Serves as consultant to local jurisdictions involving discussions, instructions and demonstrations;

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 that do not conform;

Trains Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians;

Performs 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 develop and maintain good public relations; ability to plan and supervise the work of Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians; good professional judgment.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four year college or university with a Bachelor's Degree, including thirty (30) credit hours in the physical and biological sciences*, of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences, **AND** two (2) years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian; **OR**
- (B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **AND** five (5) years of experience as a Public Health Technician deemed satisfactory to the local Commissioner of Health or Public Health Director, **AND** two (2) years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian.

*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: Appointees must satisfactorily complete a public health 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