

## SENIOR SANITARIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position is responsible for performing specialized and more difficult scientific activities, not including engineering, in environmental health. The work involves the enforcement of the Public Health Law and Sanitary Codes, the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations, and the New York State Social Services Law, pertinent to the assigned phases, the promotion of good public health sanitary practices and environmental conservation practices in the community, and counseling and advising lower level personnel on problems in their areas. This class is distinguished by responsibility for functioning in a lead capacity and to whom more difficult cases and projects can be assigned. General supervision is received from an Associate Sanitarian or an administrative employee of higher rank. Supervision is exercised over subordinate environmental health personnel. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Participates and assists in the supervision of all or part of one or more environmental health programs involving food service establishments, institutions, temporary residences and other housing sites, milk sanitation, rodent control, insect control, farm labor camps, children's camps, and x-ray installations;

Conducts environmental health studies not involving engineering in an assigned area or phase of public health or environmental work for compliance with standards of operation and sanitary procedures;

Advises and consults with subordinates regarding the enforcement and promotion of the Public Health Law and Sanitary Code provisions and regulations relating to food and food handling, milk and milk products, animal disease control, insect and rodent control, housing, public health nuisances, etc.;

Advises and consults with subordinates regarding the enforcement and promotion of the Environmental Conservation Law and Rules and Regulations relating to air pollution, on-site sewage disposal, water quality investigations, and other activities as assigned;

Advises and consults with subordinates regarding the enforcement and promotion of the New York State Social Services Law relating to potential health or environmental problems involving Temporary Residences and other housing sites;

Evaluates neighborhood environments for the presence of existing or potential health or environmental problems;

Evaluates housing deficiencies that may adversely affect health, safety or essential livability;

Conducts fire safety inspections for compliance with the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Codes;

Works with local building inspectors, law enforcement personnel, fire department personnel and other officials in the identification and elimination of unsanitary housing conditions;

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only) (Cont'd.)

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

Studies present and proposed local regulations to determine conformity with the State and County sanitary codes and confers with local officials regarding those which do not conform;

Participates in training programs of assigned environmental health area for certification of said programs;

Trains Public Health Sanitarians, Environmental Health Technicians and other personnel as required;

Appears and testifies at local proceedings and prepares complaints and investigations to file where legal action is necessary;

Uses computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word-processing, calendar, e-mail and data-base software in performing work assignments;

May perform other incidental tasks, as needed.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES:

Thorough knowledge of environmental health principles, environmental health laws and regulations, and modern inspection methods; ability to instruct, train and supervise both professional and sub-professional environmental health employees; ability to develop and maintain good public relations; ability to secure the interest and cooperation of civic groups, officials, and staff of businesses and other organizations in the communities served; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to read, write, speak, understand, and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; ability to use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, e-mail and database software; sound professional judgment; initiative; flexibility; tact; resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: A Bachelor's Degree\* with a minimum of thirty credit hours in the natural sciences\*\*, of which not more than twelve credit hours may be in the applied sciences\*\*, satisfactory completion of a public health training course approved by the State Health Department and two years of experience as a Public Health Sanitarian in a New York State, County or City health department.

SUBSTITUTION: A Master's Degree\* in Public Health or a closely related field may substitute for one year of experience as stated above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in the State of New York will be required at time of appointment and maintain same while in the title.

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, only experience gained after attaining the minimum education level indicated in the minimum qualifications will be considered in evaluating experience.

\*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.

\*\*SPECIAL NOTE: The term natural science means a science such as biology, chemistry, or physics that deals with the objects, phenomena, or laws of nature and the physical world. It includes all physical and biological sciences.

\*\*SPECIAL NOTE: The term applied science shall mean science based courses in environmental technology, sanitarian technology, medical technology, public health, infectious control or food science.