

RECREATION SPECIALIST (AQUATICS)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Serves as an aquatic instructor in a specialty field of recreation; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the supervision of an employee of higher rank, an incumbent in this class is responsible for the conduct and instruction of water safety and/or swimming activities at a pool facility. An incumbent instructs individuals or classes of individuals as scheduled, with considerable freedom as to approach, method and technique. This position may involve the actual conduct of the activity or the organization and initiation of activity groups and the instruction of certified individuals in the manner in which the details of the activity are to be carried out. Classes are non-academic in nature, being demonstrational and participational in nature, and being designed to develop water safety and swimming ability in people which they can continue when the instruction is finished. The Recreation Specialist (Aquatics) may direct and supervise the work of recreation leaders, non-professional personnel, and volunteers who may be assigned to assist in the instructional phase of the specified activity in the pool.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Gives instruction in all facets of the aquatic operations with special emphasis in the area of swimming and water safety;

Explains and demonstrates the uses of supplies and equipment, and the techniques and procedures used in the activity sessions, i.e. swim boards, "noodles", life jackets, etc.;

Maintains equipment and supplies necessary for classes and/or instruction; Checks with staff to insure chemical levels of pool are correct;

Maintains a clean and sanitary pool area;

Exercises professional judgment and responsibility in the conduct of the pool activities for various age groups;

Incorporates the activity into an acceptable total philosophy of recreation, and interprets this to the participants in an effort to motivate expanded interest in the water activity;

Requisitions necessary materials and supplies;

Participates in planning course content;

Assists other recreation staff in working with the specialized pool activity to meet the specific interests of people in the school/community;

Assists with administrative duties as required;

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only) (Continued)

Trains and supervises assigned staff and volunteers in the pool activities and related services:

May be required to act as lifeguard as needed.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of both theory and practices of a Water Safety and/or Swim Instructor; thorough knowledge of the equipment and materials utilized in a pool facility; skill and experience sufficient to demonstrate techniques of principles to students and adults; skill in instructing others in techniques of water instruction; ability to effectively relate to people of all ages; initiative; tact; creativity; resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with the duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and possession of a current WSI (Water Safety Instructor) Certification.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Depending upon assignment, possession of a Lifeguard Certification by the American Red Cross (certification period must be within the past 3 years): and/or a current A.R.C., Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer, C.P.R. or equivalent certification (certification period must not exceed 1 year) may be required. Incumbent may also be required to be certified in first aide. Certifications must be current and renewed, as appropriate.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

In accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation, Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, candidates for appointment in school districts must obtain clearance for employment from the State Education Department prior to employment based upon a fingerprint and criminal history background check

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