

PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

General Statement of Duties and Responsibilities

This class of positions encompasses training for and performing professional responsibilities involving inspections to assure compliance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations governing food and general environmental sanitation, safety and health. There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. All personnel perform related work. The following are typical assignments within this class of positions.

Incumbents may be required to work weekends and irregular hours.

Assignment Level I

Under close supervision, is trained in and performs beginning level professional work in public health inspection and environmental sanitation such as the following:

Makes periodic inspections of food processing and manufacturing establishments, warehouses, and wholesale and retail food establishments to ensure a pure food supply and to enforce pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

Inspects business establishments, multiple dwellings, stores, schools, NYC correctional facilities, institutions, Fulton Fish Market, day camps, day care centers, recreational and other areas for environmental hazards, defective plumbing, inadequate water supply, overflowing cesspools, condition of sewers, condition of gas heating equipment, animals not properly controlled or housed, lead poisoning danger, window guards, insect or rodent infestation, noxious odors, or other unsanitary or hazardous conditions.

Investigates complaints regarding nuisances, unsanitary conditions, quality and purity of foods, improper food handling and personal habits of handlers, and inadequate or unsuitable water supply.

Investigates applications for permits to operate establishments under the NYC Health Code.

Inspects premises of purveyors of inhalation therapy.

Investigates outbreaks of food poisoning.

Selects and processes samples of food for chemical analysis.

Collects samples of beach or drinking water for bacteriological and chemical examination.

Conducts special studies and surveys.

May condemn adulterated, contaminated or decomposed foods.

PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN (continued)

Assignment Level I (continued)

May issue violations and Tribunal summonses for non-compliance with NYC Health Code.

May evaluate performance of fumigators and exterminators, and examine equipment.

May attend and testify at Tribunal hearings.

Assignment Level II (See Special Note)

Under supervision, makes inspections to assure compliance with pertinent laws, rules and regulations governing the areas of food and general environmental sanitation, safety and health.

Examples of Typical Tasks

Makes periodic inspections of food processing and manufacturing establishments, warehouses, and wholesale and retail food establishments, to ensure a pure food supply and to enforce pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

Inspects business establishments, multiple dwellings, stores, schools, NYC correctional facilities, institutions, day care centers, day camps, Fulton Fish market, recreational and other areas for environmental hazards, defective plumbing, inadequate water supply, overflowing cesspools, conditions of sewers, condition of gas heating equipment, animals not properly controlled or housed, lead poisoning danger, window guards, insect or rodent infestation, noxious odors, or other unsanitary or hazardous conditions.

Instructs operators in establishments under permit or jurisdiction of the NYC Department of Health in principles of sanitation, vermin control, and other areas of environmental health.

Investigates complaints regarding nuisances, unsanitary conditions, quality and purity of foods, improper food handling and personal habits of handlers, and inadequate or unsuitable water supply.

Condemns adulterated, contaminated or decomposed foods.

Issues violations and Tribunal summonses and closes establishments and seals equipment for non-compliance with NYC Health Code.

Investigates applications for permits to operate establishments under the NYC Health Code.

Inspects premises of purveyors of inhalation therapy.

Investigates outbreaks of food poisoning.

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Assignment Level II (continued) (See Special Note)

Examples of Typical Tasks (continued)

Evaluates performance of fumigators and exterminators, and examines equipment.

Selects and processes samples of food for chemical analysis.

Conducts special studies and surveys.

Attends and testifies at Tribunal hearings.

Represents the Department of Health at public meetings and performs other public relations tasks.

Collects samples of beach or drinking water for bacteriological and chemical examination.

Trains Public Health Sanitarians, Assignment Level I.

Qualification Requirements

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college, with at least 30 semester credits in the biological and/or physical sciences, i.e., biology, botany, chemistry, geology, physics, physiology, and zoology; or
2. An associate degree from an accredited college, with 12 semester credits in the biological and/or physical sciences, and five years of experience as a public health technician assisting sanitarians and engineers in carrying out the various elements of prevention and control programs affecting the public's health.

Direct Lines of Promotion

From: None

To: # Associate Public Health Sanitarian (31220)

- # To be eligible for appointment to the title of Associate Public Health Sanitarian, candidates must have at least two years of experience as a public health sanitarian, as required by the New York State Health Code (Section 11.112).

Special Note

At the end of one year of satisfactory service in Assignment Level I, and completion of any training required under the New York State Health Code, incumbents will be assigned to Assignment Level II subject to a one year probationary period.

