

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH  
**CLASSIFICATION:** COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** JULY 25, 2012

**ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORY PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** In a municipality having 100,000 to 350,000 population, this specialized professional work involves responsibility for planning, supervising and carrying out one or more public health programs and/or limited environmental conservation health programs. Supervision is exercised over a staff which may include a supervisory public health sanitarian, public health sanitarians, trainees, and public health technicians. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Performs inspections and has overall supervisory responsibilities in those areas of activities carried on by sanitarians in all grades;
  - a. Community Environmental Health and Food Protection (CEH&FP) Activities - such as food service establishments, private water supplies, private sewage disposal, rodent control, housing, bathing beaches, children's camps, swimming pools, temporary residences, adolescent tobacco, smoking in public places, migrant labor camps, rabies, mosquito surveillance, public health nuisance complaints and emergencies;
  - b. Air Pollution Control Activities - such as investigating complaints and air pollution emergencies;
  - c. Waste Disposal Activities - such as waste transportation and general refuse disposal, complaints and emergencies;
2. Reviews and evaluates existing and planned public environmental health related programs, activities, goals and objectives;
3. Provides technical assistance to public and health department customers;
4. Promotes training for personnel and various health department customers;
5. Promotes reciprocal agreements between health departments and other state agencies such as the Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Agriculture and Markets for the inspection of various facilities falling within the sanitarians' area of responsibility;
6. Maintains records including a database of all CEH&FP activities and prepares reports;
7. Initiates enforcement actions for all CEH&FP activities.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Thorough knowledge of the principles, laws and regulations relating to environmental and public health; thorough knowledge of all applicable federal, state and local laws related to public health and environmental health; skill in utilizing modern computer software programs including databases at an acceptable rate of speed and accuracy; ability to supervise the work of others; ability to maintain records and prepare written reports; ability to communicate verbally and in writing; ability to train others in environmental health work; ability to relate to the public and the regulated community; good working professional judgment; integrity; tact and courtesy; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**PROMOTIONAL:**

Two (2) years of permanent competitive class status as a Supervisory Public Health Sanitarian **or** five (5) years permanent competitive class status as a Public Health Sanitarian.

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**OPEN-COMPETITIVE:** Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State recognized college or university with a Bachelor's Degree including a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours in natural science or related courses acceptable to the State Commissioner of Health;

**AND:** 1. Three (3) years as a Supervisory Public Health Sanitarian in a New York State city or county or as a Senior Sanitarian in the State Department of Health;

**OR:** 2. Five (5) years of satisfactory environmental health experience of which three (3) years must have been equivalent to that of a Supervisory Public Health Sanitarian.

**Note 1.** A Master's Degree or equivalent academic education in public health acceptable to the State Commissioner of Health may be honored in lieu of one (1) year of required general experience.

**Note 2.** A Doctorate or equivalent academic education in public health acceptable to the State Commissioner of Health may be honored in lieu of two (2) years of required general experience. However, when credit is allowed for the Doctorate Degree, no additional credit is allowed for the Master's Degree.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Individuals meeting the above requirements may apply for a certificate as an Associate Supervisory Public Health Sanitarian issued by the Niagara County Public Health Director. Possession of the certificate is required at time of appointment.