

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN**

**Job Code:** 3604  
**Department:** Tioga County Public Health Department (Environmental Health)  
**Classification:** Competitive  
**Salary Grade:** CSEA - Grade XI  
**Adopted:** Revised 8/20/08 NYS DOH, 01/20, 09/21 – Reso. 211-21, Tioga Co. Personnel & Civil Service

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for the investigation and inspection of the non-engineering aspects of environmental health control by applying physical, biological and social science principles. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Supervising Public Health Sanitarian. While supervision is not a responsibility of this class, an incumbent may be assigned to provide guidance, direction and training to Public Health Technicians. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative Only)

- Inspects food service establishments, schools, fairs and carnivals, dairy farms, private water supplies, private sewage disposal systems, bathing beaches and swimming pools; facilities for refuse disposal, and temporary and/or permanent residences;
- Investigates animal bites, issues orders to collect specimens concerning rabies infections;
- Enforces the New York State sanitary code;
- Provides training and education to the public on all environmental health matters, inclusive of communicable diseases;
- Collects water, milk, food and other samples for laboratory examination;
- Prepares reports on inspections and investigations;
- Interprets laboratory reports;
- Assists local code enforcement officers in the evaluation of site location, design and development of private water and private sewage disposal systems and temporary and/or permanent residences;
- Issues and collects fees for health permits;
- May testify at enforcement proceedings.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Good knowledge of environmental health practices; good knowledge of the New York State Sanitary Code and other laws pertaining to the inspection of water supply and sewage disposal systems; ability to prepare and deliver effective talks and secure the interest and cooperation of civic groups and officials; ability to train others in environmental health work; ability to develop good public relations; good professional judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (Either):**

- a. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree including thirty (30) credits hours in the natural sciences, of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences; **or**
- b. Five (5) years full-time experience or its part-time equivalent as a Public Health Technician deemed satisfactory by the local Commissioner of Health or Public

**-2- Public Health Sanitarian**

Health Director and have satisfactorily completed a public health training course approved by the New York State Health Department.

**NOTE:** Candidates who qualify under (a) must satisfactorily complete a public health training course approved by the State Health Department within two (2) years of appointment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Possession of a valid driver's license appropriate to the vehicles operated or otherwise demonstrate their ability to meet the transportation needs of the job;
- Must be available in the event of a public health emergency.