

## SANITARIAN, REGISTERED

Nature of Work: Under limited supervision, performs advanced and/or lead worker duties in the enforcement of environmental and public health sanitation laws. May perform as a specialist at a local or regional health department or at the agency level. May perform as a member of a health facility licensure and certification survey team. May be responsible for environment health and public health sanitation services for a single county. Responsible for the effectiveness of various sanitation services and meeting general environmental health and public health sanitation needs. Public contact and considerable travel are required. Performs related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics: This level is assigned duties and responsibilities which are complex, difficult and varied, relative to the public health sanitation duties of this series. Work requires the development and adoption of non-standard procedures and has more impact and consequence of error than the full-performance level. This level has considerable latitude to accomplish tasks and may be assigned the on-going responsibility of scheduling and/or reviewing the work of other co-workers and guiding and training them while performing identical or similar kinds of work.

## Examples of Work

May plan, develop and implement a specialty environmental and public health sanitation program.

Conducts surveillance, evaluation and inspection of those facilities that fall within the assigned specialty program.

Conducts annual reviews, gathers data and prepares annual environmental health report and formulates annual program plan as it relates to specialty area.

Develops policies, sets standards and objectives for specialty environmental and public health sanitation programs in accordance with established public health laws, rules, regulations and department policies.

Makes long-range plans and regularly reviews activities, problems and functions of specialty environmental and public health sanitation programs; provides or arranges for in-service training for sanitarians on a continuing basis; directs specialty environmental and public health sanitation educational programs.

Determines the needs of the specialty environmental and public health sanitation unit for personnel, supplies and equipment; assist budget officer in developing annual budget and expenditure of allocated funds.

Makes decisions and judgements in complicated specialty environmental and public health sanitation situations or concerning potential legal problems; prepares legal cases for prosecuting attorney; attends court hearings on behalf of local health department.

## SANITARIAN, REGISTERED (CONT'D)

## Examples of Work (cont'd)

Advises other governmental bodies and attends inter-governmental meetings.

Review plans and specifications and issues permits as warranted.

Collects and evaluates health statistics and data to support the specialty environmental and public health sanitation programs; determines priorities and types of services required to protect the public health.

As a member of a health facility licensure and certification survey team:

Participates in the on-site inspections of care and services provided by health care facilities to monitor compliance with applicable regulations.

Generates written reports on the surveyed facility which describes deficiencies referenced according to regulatory citations.

Performs site inspections prior to construction; performs inspection of new construction and additions to existing facilities prior to opening.

Evaluates plans of corrections submitted by facilities.

Testifies at hearings or gives depositions.

Trains new surveyors.

## Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of the principles and practices of chemistry and biology in relation to general environmental and public health sanitation.

Knowledge of theory and principles of environmental health and public health sanitation technology and issues, including various federal and state regulations, rules and policies.

Knowledge of physical and engineering principles relating to water supplies and waste water disposal systems.

Ability to make objective evaluations and investigations and to interpret and apply regulations related to a variety of general environmental and public health sanitation problems.

Ability to speak effectively before groups concerning general environmental and public health sanitation problems.

Ability to establish effective working relationships with local governmental officials and the general public.

Ability to make judgments and decisions dealing with issues which directly impact public health and state and local population growth and economic development.

Ability to direct and evaluate general environmental and public health sanitation staff activities and make recommendations to improve programs and service delivery.

Ability to conduct advanced specialized training programs for experienced sanitarians.

SANITARIAN, REGISTERED (CONT'D)

Minimum Qualifications

Training: Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university.

Experience: Two years of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience as a sanitarian.

Substitution: A master's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in public health, environmental science, chemistry, biology, physical science or agriculture may be substituted for one year of the required experience.

Special Requirements: A valid drivers license and availability of an automobile for continuous use may be a requisite for employment. Certification as a Registered Sanitarian by the West Virginia Board of Registration for Sanitarians.

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