PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN 2

KIND OF WORK

Second level professional public health sanitarian program work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee of this class, under general supervision, performs non-supervisory Public Health Sanitarian duties with a minimum of specific direction and completes assigned tasks in a variety of environmental health programs. The employee has received intensive formal and on-the-job training in the tasks to be accomplished, does not require constant supervision, and is expected to exercise judgment in making independent decisions. The employee may perform tasks along with others in the same class or with employees in the entry-level professional class of Public Health Sanitarian. When the latter is the case, the relationship is not generally one of direct supervision but, rather of training the new, less experienced employee and may involve such assignments as serving as "lead worker" in a team of less experienced employees.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Assists the Public Health Sanitarian 3 and the Chief of the Section of District Programs in providing training and consulting services to local health employees in areas in which they lack experience.

Surveys local sanitation programs to determine compliance with standards. Reports problems to central office staff and regional supervisors for review and necessary action.

Obtains, food, water and stool specimens for examinations in the laboratory to determine the cause of food-borne infections.

Advises proprietors on sanitation aspects of new construction and remodeling.

Working knowledge of effective methods of investigations.

Receives laboratory results and prepares reports interpreting results to municipalities or individuals.

Makes investigations of sanitary conditions in schools, nursing homes and hospitals.

Advises owners and employees of food service establishments on proper food handling and care and cleaning of equipment and utensils.

Organizes and conducts training courses in food handling and sanitary practices.
Gathers evidence, makes reports and initiates complaints for prosecution.

Gives talks on public health subjects before interested groups.

Working knowledge of the basic health and engineering principles as they relate to the field of public health and to the programs of the Minnesota Department of Health.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED**

Knowledge of:

- Working knowledge of common business practices.
- Thorough knowledge of the principles of public health involved in the transmission of disease.
- Working knowledge of general requirements for sanitary conditions in public lodging places and establishments serving food and drink.
- Thorough knowledge of water supply sanitation.
- Thorough knowledge of sewage treatment and disposal.
- Thorough knowledge of laws and regulations governing sanitary conditions and practices.
- Thorough knowledge of swimming pools and bathing areas.
- Working knowledge of what constitutes legal evidence.

Ability to:

- Ability to gather facts by personal contacts and observation.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective public contact.
- Ability to make clear and concise reports.
- Ability to supervise and conduct an educational program in environmental sanitation.
- Ability to plan and conduct sanitary surveys and investigations and prepare reports and orders.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with businessmen and the general public.
- Ability to enforce laws, rules and regulations with firmness and impartiality.
Ability to gather and interpret data and information and skill in preparing letters, documents and reports.

Ability to organize and carry out assignments as required.

Ability to work effectively with a wide variety of government officials.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees, with community groups and with the general public.

Ability to present ideas effectively orally and in writing

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