



Job Code: 6821
Grade: 16
HCWR: N

Job Title
Sanitarian I

Department
Public Health

Job Summary

The Sanitarian I conducts inspections and investigations in a variety of settings as needed to implement public health programs. Collects samples, performs evaluations, documents findings in a clear, concise, and legible manner and submits reports for correction of public health hazards.

Typical Duties

- Performs inspections of retail food establishments; private sewage disposal systems; potable water supplies; public swimming pools; mobile home parks; body art/tattoo establishments; tanning salons; abandoned, new or existing water wells, etc.
- Performs log surveys for private sewage disposal systems and witnesses percolation tests. Performs dye rests on private sewage disposal systems. Under prescribed methods, collects food, water and sewage effluent samples for analysis.
- Evaluates establishments for compliance with applicable smoke-free environment laws in restaurants and other establishments.
- Investigates public health nuisances as reported or assigned.
- Prepares inspection reports in a clear, concise legible manner for review and comment by supervisory and/or administrative personnel. Prepares reports with assistance of supervisory or administrative personnel for submission to the State's Attorney for litigation.
- May testify in court or at hearings on behalf of the Cook County Department of Public Health to obtain regulatory compliance in environmental health programs.

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health Science from an accredited college or university. Consideration may be given to applicants with a bachelor's degree in a related field with at least thirty (30) semester hours in the basic sciences.
- Position requires moderate to heavy local travel for which the employee must possess a valid driver's license and insured vehicle or otherwise provide an acceptable and reliable means of transportation.
- Must participate in assigned trainings, including on-line training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to obtain the mandated certifications.

Preferred Qualifications

- NA

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

- Thorough knowledge of state statutes and local ordinances concerning public health standards and regulations
- Demonstrate ability to handle self well and display professional demeanor when dealing with



Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

the general public

- Ability to prepare reports that are clear, accurate and timely

Physical and Environmental Demands

This position is functioning within a healthcare environment. The incumbent is responsible for adherence to all hospital and department specific safety requirements. This includes but is not limited to the following policies and procedures: complying with Personal Protective Equipment requirements, hand washing and sanitizing practices, complying with department specific engineering and work practice controls and any other work area safety precautions as specified by hospital wide policy and departmental procedures.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of the personnel so classified.

For purposes of the American with Disabilities Act, “Typical Duties” are essential job functions.