

ORANGE COUNTY CLASS SPECIFICATION

TITLE: PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN **GRADE:** 11

TITLE ABBREVIATION: PUB HLTH TECH **TITLE NO.:** 6561

JURIS.CL: C **SALARY CODE:** 01 **EEO CODE:** TE **FLSA CODE:** NE

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH **DIVISION:** ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

SUPERVISOR'S TITLE: PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class assists Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Engineers in carrying out various elements of prevention and control programs affecting the public's health by performing such work as inspection of food service establishments, water supply systems, camping sites, motels, hotels, bathing beaches, swimming pools, etc. to ensure compliance with the State Sanitary Code. Depending on assignments, the work is performed under general or direct supervision of a technical superior who reviews reports and provides advisory assistance when necessary. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Makes routine inspections of sanitary conditions of camps, hotels, lodging and boarding houses, semi-public or individual water supplies and sewage disposal devices, refuse disposal, public health nuisance complaints and general sanitation;

Makes inspections of restaurants and public eating places;

Collects swab samples and water samples;

Makes inspection of swimming pools and bathing places to determine compliance with State Sanitary Code requirements;

Makes inspections of nuisances, mosquito and fly breeding places, rodent harborages, and related matters;

Maintains records and prepares reports on inspections;

Performs other specific tasks related to the above matters as requested.

Conducts environmental investigations for lead paint hazards in accordance with State Health Department and USEPA procedures.

FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of acceptable compliance with provisions of the State Sanitary Code related to prevention and control programs affecting public health; working knowledge and understanding of the principles, techniques and practices related to public health inspection; computer knowledge including spreadsheet and database software; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with the public; skill in inspection techniques; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with an Associate's Degree, including a minimum of 12 semester credit hours in the physical or biological sciences, and one (1) year experience involving inspection for sanitary or safety practices of food service establishments, water supply systems, camping sites, motels, hotels, bathing beaches, swimming pools, pest control, construction, or housing; OR
- B. Completion of 60 credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees, including a minimum of 12 semester credit hours in the physical or biological sciences, and one (1) year experience involving inspection for sanitary or safety practices of food service establishments, water supply systems, camping sites, motels, hotels, bathing beaches, swimming pools, pest control, construction, or housing.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must possess and maintain valid driver's license and satisfactorily complete a public health training course approved by the New York State Health Department within two (2) years of appointment.

NOTE: The term *natural science* shall mean a science such as biology, chemistry or physics that deals with the objects, phenomena, or laws of nature and the physical world. It shall include all physical and biological sciences. The term *applied science* shall mean science based courses in environmental technology, sanitation technology, medical technology, public health, infection control or food science.