



City of Meriden
Sanitarian I

General Description

This is entry level professional public health work in the environment of sanitation laws and regulations relating to public and environmental health.

Work involves responsibility for achieving and maintaining environmentally safe conditions through the enforcement of the Public Health Code and Statutes and local ordinances pertaining to environmental health. Duties include inspections, investigations, surveying and report preparation. This position also has the responsibility for making difficult health and safety decisions. The work requires that the employee understands the laws, rules and regulations governing the enforcement of environmental health codes for which she/he is responsible.

Supervision Received

Works under the direction of the Environmental Health Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services, Environmental Health office.

Examples of Duties

Performs routine inspections of food service establishments, public swimming pools, licensed day care centers and other facilities as required by State and local codes.

Investigates environmental complaints such as garbage and rubbish disposal, improper sewage disposal, rodent and insect infestation, disease vectors, mosquito control and other unsanitary environmental conditions.

Investigates reports of children with elevated blood lead levels, provides parents and/or guardians with information on lead paint poisoning prevention, inspects or orders properties to be inspected for lead based paint and collects samples necessary to perform a risk assessment of the child's environment.

Prepares orders to abate lead hazards in accordance with State statutes and regulations.

Educates food handlers and gives advice to food service personnel on proper food sanitation techniques; promotes training programs, and investigates reports of food borne illnesses.

Investigates oil and chemical spills upon referral from the Police or Fire departments.
Monitors hazardous conditions.

Assists in the review of plans for the construction of new food service establishments or the remodeling of existing facilities.

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Monitors work in progress, and approves the completed construction before a license is issued.

Responds by telephone, in person, or in writing to persons seeking information regarding health rules and regulations, specific complaints, license requirements, and other environmental health problems.

Prepares reports of inspections and investigations. Collects samples as required.

Performs related work as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Ability

Thorough knowledge of the modern methods, principles and practices of public health sanitation.

Knowledge of inspection and investigatory techniques; knowledge of the causes, impacts of and solutions to current public health problems.

Considerable knowledge of the sanitary sciences, including bacteriology, biology, chemistry and personal hygiene.

Considerable knowledge of and the ability to interpret explain and enforce the laws, ordinances and regulations governing environmental sanitation.

Considerable ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Considerable ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other city employees, superiors, associates, representatives of outside agencies and the general public.

Qualifications

A bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university with major course work in public or environmental health, the physical, chemical or biological science, sanitary or environmental engineering, or associates degree with 3 years experience in a regulatory environmental health capacity such as food safety.

Special Requirements

Applicant must be certified in Food Service Inspection and Lead Inspector or Lead Risk Assessor Certification, or eligible for certification by the State of CT within one year of employment.

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Possession of a current CT motor vehicle operator's license.

Maintenance of the above certifications shall be a requirement for the employee to remain in this classification.

Desirable Qualifications

Certification in Subsurface Sewage Inspection Phase I by the State of CT.

Certification as a Registered Sanitarian from the State of CT.