

SANITARIAN/SENIOR SANITARIAN

DEFINITION

Initially under more intensive supervision with expectation for progression to a significant degree of independence under direction as is expected at the Senior level, to perform in the promotion of accepted principles of sanitation and environmental health and enforcement of county health laws; and to do related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Assists in the promotion of accepted principles of sanitation and enforcement of the health laws in Dane County; helps to inspect, consult and obtain compliance with health ordinances in general sanitation; evaluates sanitary applications and their compliance with state code; makes field inspections of private water supplies and sewage systems to assure compliance with established sanitation laws and regulations; surveys campgrounds, recreational camps, public swimming places, motels, tourist rooming houses, bed and breakfast facilities, restaurants, retail food processors, convenience stores, bakeries, and mobile home parks in order to ascertain the status and compliance with Wisconsin Administrative codes; investigates public health nuisances, submits recommendations for corrective action and re-inspects to assure proper adjustments have been made; collects samples for laboratory analysis; performs physical and chemical tests; keeps records and makes reports; assists in training professional staff.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education and Experience: Any combination of training and experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in public health sanitation, soil science or related field. Prefer possession of State of Wisconsin certifications as a soil tester, PLB-2 plumbing Inspector, Level 1 Well Inspector and Sanitarian registration. Upon completion of 24 months of satisfactory work experience, receipt of certification as a soil tester, certification as a plumbing inspector PLB-2, certification as a well location inspector Level 1, and registration as a Sanitarian, the incumbent will be reallocated to the Senior Sanitarian level.

Knowledges and Abilities: Knowledge of the principles and practices of environmental sanitation; knowledge of the health and safety laws and codes and their practical application; knowledge of the facilities and establishments inspected for sanitation purposes; ability to recognize health law violations and recommend changes; ability to secure pertinent information through inspections and to analyze, interpret and make corrections based on this information; ability to read land descriptions and locate the site on a plat book section map; ability to interpret information on the soil maps; ability to determine if septic system designs and existing conditions meet code requirements; ability to make morphological studies; ability to use an Abney hand level to evaluate slope conditions; ability to perform and interpret required physical and chemical tests; ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with local health officials and the general public.

Licenses or Other Requirements: Must have access to personal transportation and have or be eligible for a valid Wisconsin driver's license.