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Job Specification 02297

LIFEGUARD

DEFINITION:

Under direction, protects life and provides for the safety and welfare of persons in swimming/bathing areas; does other related duties.

NOTE: The examples of work for this title are for illustrative purposes only. A particular position using this title may not perform all duties listed in this job specification. Conversely, all duties performed on the job may not be listed.

EXAMPLES OF WORK:

Observes bathers on assigned sections of bathing areas.

Rescues bathers using buoys, boats, lines, floats, and other rescue equipment.

Administers artificial respiration, resuscitation, and first-aid treatment prior to the arrival of emergency medical staff.

Warns bathers of ocean hazards.

Informs bathers of restrictions in bathing area.

Enforces the rules and regulations of the bathing area.

Maintains rescue equipment in preparation for immediate response.

Notifies proper authorities of public disturbances.

REQUIREMENTS:

LICENSE:

Applicants for public recreational bathing areas classified as swimming pools or lakes must possess current and valid lifeguard certification issued by the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, National Pool and Waterpark, Lifeguard Training, the YMCA or other recognized organizations.

NOTE: Applicants for public recreational bathing areas classified as ocean, tidal or open water must possess current and valid lifeguard certification issued by the United States Lifesaving Association (U.S.L.A), South Jersey Chief's Association (S.J.C.A) or other recognized organizations.

NOTE: Applicants must possess current and valid standard first aid certification issued by the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council or other recognized organizations. For applicants to ocean and tidal water areas, certification must include a minimum of 21 hours of first aid training not including CPR training.

NOTE: Applicants must possess current and valid CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) certification including adult, child and infant CPR as well as obstructed airway training issued by the American Heart Association , the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council or other recognized organizations.

NOTE: Appointees may also be required to possess current and valid AED (automatic external defibrillator) certification.

NOTE: Appointees may be required to have training in supplemental oxygen support for adults, children and infants.

NOTE: Appointees to ocean and tidal water areas may be required to possess basic or higher level scuba diver certification.

Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in NJ only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform essential duties of the position.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of water rescue methods and techniques.

Knowledge of first aid and life resuscitation (C.P. R.) techniques.

Knowledge of the surveillance methods used to recognize and prevent injuries in bathing areas.

Knowledge of water rescue equipment.

Ability to administer first aid.

Ability to maintain rescue equipment.

Ability to enforce swimming regulations.

Ability to swim in accordance with certification standards.

Ability to remain calm during water-rescue operations.

Ability to observe and report hazardous swimming conditions.

Ability to read, write, speak, understand, and communicate in English sufficiently to perform duties of this position. American Sign Language or Braille may also be considered as acceptable forms of communication.

Persons with mental or physical disabilities are eligible as long as they can perform essential functions of the job after reasonable accommodation is made to their known limitations. If the accommodation cannot be made because it would cause the employer undue hardship, such persons may not be eligible.

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