

LIFEGUARD

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

JOB OBJECTIVES

Under general supervision, to observe and supervise the activities of patrons in the pool and surrounding area; to protect life, prevent accidents and enforce pool regulations; to rescue swimmers in emergency situations and provide emergency medical treatment; to assist in the maintenance of facilities and equipment; and to perform a variety of tasks relative to assigned area of responsibility.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives immediate supervision from higher level staff.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

The following tasks are typical for positions in this classification. Any single position may not perform all of these tasks and/or may perform similar related tasks not listed here.

1. Observe and supervise activities of swimmers in the pool and the surrounding area; enforce applicable pool rules and regulations.
2. Rescue persons in distress or in danger of drowning; provide emergency response as necessary including first aid and CPR.
3. Participate in facilities clean-up and maintenance; clean pool deck, locker rooms and rest rooms.
4. Perform routine administrative duties including answering phones, typing and copying.
5. Respond to questions and inquiries from the public regarding pool regulations, use of facilities and various aquatic programs offered.
6. Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles and practices of swimming, life guarding and water safety.
Methods and techniques of first aid and CPR.
Basic operations, services and activities of a public swimming facility.
Principles and practices of public relations.
Appropriate safety precautions and procedures within the area of assignment.
Pertinent Federal, State and local codes, laws and regulations.

Ability to:

Perform lifeguarding duties and water rescues.
Enforce applicable rules and regulations of the City pool.
Swim with endurance and proficiency at a level necessary to perform assigned duties.
Respond to emergency situations and administer first aid and CPR as necessary.
Respond to requests and inquiries from the general public.
Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

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Understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience Guidelines

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education

Equivalent to the completion of the ninth grade supplemented by specialized training in lifeguarding, water safety or a related field.

Experience:

One year of lifeguarding experience is desirable.

License or Certificate

Possession of an appropriate, valid CPR certification.

Possession of an appropriate, valid first aid certification.

Possession of an appropriate, valid Lifeguard certification.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

The physical demands herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential job functions.

Environment: Incumbents are required to work at a public pool and are exposed to inclement weather conditions; work in water.

Mobility: Incumbents are required to perform emergency life saving functions and water rescues which include swimming; administer first aid or CPR.

Vision: Visual acuity (which may be corrected) sufficient to distinguish objects at a distance.