

LIFEGUARD

Department: Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Classification: Non-Competitive

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

There are no minimum education or experience requirements for this position.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

1) At the time of appointment, candidates must possess the appropriate current certificate as a Lifeguard issued by the New York State Department of Health or a New York State Department of Health approved testing agency, and must maintain said certificate throughout employment in this title. The appropriate certificate will be determined by the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs based upon the facilities to which the Lifeguard is assigned.

2) At the time of appointment, candidates must possess a certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, issued by the American Red Cross or Heart Association within the last year.

3) Candidates must be at least sixteen (16) years of age. If assigned to a pool or inland beach, it is acceptable for a candidate to be fifteen (15) years of age if a supervisory lifeguard is present.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

An employee in this title performs skilled public safety work in monitoring the activities of swimmers in pool, still water or ocean areas. A Lifeguard is responsible for safeguarding patrons to prevent injury or loss of life, and for administering first aid or artificial resuscitation when necessary. Work is performed in accordance with the rules and regulations in effect at the facility and in accordance with state and/or local codes. Work is performed under general supervision and is reviewed through observation. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES

Observes swimmers for signs of fatigue or distress;

Maintains order and enforces regulations at assigned swimming area;

Rescues bathers in distress; administers resuscitation and first aid when necessary;

Shares in maintaining cleanliness and upkeep of swimming pool and or bay or beach area.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Good knowledge of approved water rescue methods and first aid techniques; good knowledge of rules and regulations relating to the assigned pool, still water or ocean facilities; skill in swimming, lifesaving techniques appropriate to the assigned facilities; skill in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation; ability to exercise tact, firmness and good judgment in enforcing rules and regulations; ability to prevent dangerous situations from arising, to recognize emergencies and to take effective action; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.