

*Code: 4535*

*Title: SANITARIAN*

**SUMMARY:** Performs work in the public health and consumer health and food safety field by carrying out investigations, inspections, educational, and enforcement functions.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:** (Work assignments may vary depending on the department's needs and will be communicated to the applicant or incumbent by the supervisor.)

Investigates, inspects and advises recreational, housing and food agencies and establishments, e.g., restaurants, food mobiles, adult and child protection services, home/day care centers, hotels, motels, massage parlors, ice manufacturing plants, bed and breakfast facilities, schools, trailer parks, and warehouses, within assigned area of jurisdiction, on health related matters;

Investigates vector-related complaints and recommends appropriate treatment of infested areas;

Interprets, promotes, and enforces public health/food safety Federal statutes, State mandates, laws and regulations, and local ordinances;

Conducts and documents initial, opening and final inspections of permitted and licensed establishments;

Applies the intent of statutes, regulations, and ordinances as they pertain to establishments and agencies, which require licensing;

Recommends permit suspension, permit revocation and other enforcement tactics for non-compliance to supervisor for consideration;

Responds to requests to abate environmental health hazards on public and private property;

Performs epidemiological investigation of food borne disease outbreaks;

Collects samples of food, water and sewage for laboratory analysis and interprets results;

Prepares educational manuals and handouts, facilitates workshops, pool and food certifications and other on-site educational programs;

Assists management in developing new programs and revising existing programs;

Reviews plans and specifications submitted by architects and engineers for conformance with Federal, State, and local public health/food safety laws;

Makes public presentations on environmental health matters;

Maintains manual and computer-based records;

Prepares, presents, and submits routine, recurring, and special reports;

May supervise/lead the activities of professional and paraprofessional environmental health employees.

May accomplish appropriate treatment of infested areas.

**KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:**

Knowledge of:

- principles and practices of investigation, inspection, and enforcement of health and sanitation related matters;
- principles and practices of vector control;
- preparation, application, and disposal of vector control solutions;
- procedures and techniques for the operation and service of spray and automotive equipment;
- relevant Federal, State, and local health codes, laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and standards;

- biological, bacteriological, and physical sciences applicable to environmental health investigation, inspection, education, and enforcement;
- procedures and techniques of collecting samples of products for laboratory analysis;
- principles and practices of preparing and presenting educational materials and programs;
- effective communication techniques;
- principles and practices of public health;
- basic supervisory principles.

Skill in:

- performing and documenting investigations and inspections for recreational, housing and food establishments;
- public contact, verbal and written communications;
- inspecting, educating, and enforcing environmental health rules, regulations and standards;
- identifying different species of insects and other vector;
- preparing, applying and properly disposing of vector control solutions;
- operating and performing operator level servicing and maintenance of spray and automotive equipment;
- applying, interpreting, and enforcing appropriate sanitation and health laws, rules, regulations, codes, and standards;
- recommending enforcement tactics for non-compliance;
- collecting samples of products for laboratory analysis and interpreting testing results;
- preparing educational and informational materials;
- reviewing constructions plans for compliance with laws, rules, regulations, codes, and standards;
- supervising and leading employees.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

EITHER:

(1) Successful completion of 30 semester credit hours at an accredited college or university in the natural sciences, as defined by the Arizona Sanitarians Council, with a grade of “C” or greater\*. [A transcript of courses completed and grades must be attached to the application materials.]

\*ARS 36-136.01(I)(3) and Title 9, R9-16-401.9. The Sanitarian’s Council has defined “natural science” as: anatomy, bacteriology, biochemistry, biology, botany, biophysics, biostatistics, cell physiology, chemical engineering, chemistry, ecology, embryology, endocrinology, entomology, environmental health, epidemiology, food bacteriology, dairy sciences, genetics, geophysics, geology, herpetology, histology, hydro-geology, hydrology, ichthyology, limnology, microbiology, molecular biology, ornithology, parasitology, pathology, pharmacy, physics, physiology, plant taxonomy, radiological health, sanitary engineering, sewage sanitation, soil science, toxicology, vector control, veterinary science, virology, or zoology, of the study of air pollution, community health, environmental diseases, hazardous waste, industrial hygiene, infections diseases, occupational safety or public health.

OR:

(2) Five years of employment as a Sanitarian Assistant in either a recognized public health agency or private industry in a position directly related to environmental health.

OR:

(3) Five years of full-time military duty in the field of environmental health.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Licenses and Certificates: Registration in the State of Arizona as a professional Sanitarian is required within one year from the date of appointment. Maintenance of current State of Arizona certification as a Sanitarian is a condition of employment; failure to obtain and maintain this certification may be grounds for termination. Some positions may require a Pest Control Operator license at the time of appointment or prior to completion of initial/promotional probation. All positions require a valid Arizona Class D Driver's License at the time of appointment, which must be maintained as a condition of employment. Failure to maintain a current license may be grounds for termination, due to need for continuing field work.

Physical/Sensory Requirements: Physical and sensory abilities will be determined by position.

This class specification is intended to indicate the basic nature of positions allocated to the class and examples of typical duties that may be assigned. It does not imply that all positions within the class perform all of the duties listed, nor does it necessarily list all possible duties that may be assigned.

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