

CHIEF WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR, P.T.

Code No.: 5-03-012
NON-COMPETITIVE for Part-time
School positions only

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a supervisory position involving responsibility for directing swimming instructions for child and adult users of pools as part of a continuing education, recreation, or school district instructional program. The Chief Water Safety Instructor ensures swimmers receive instruction in a safe manner and supervises the appropriate training of subordinate water safety instructor staff. The employee reports directly to, and works under the general supervision of, a Recreation Supervisor or other appropriate staff member. Direct supervision is exercised over Senior/Water Safety Instructors and Junior Water Safety Instructors. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (All need not be performed in a given position. Other related activities may be performed although not listed.)

Supervises and provides swimming and water safety instructions to children and adults;

Monitors actions in swimming lesson areas to prevent accidents and to provide assistance to swimmers;

Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe and dangerous swimming practices;

Supervises and completes accident reports;

Oversees shower and locker area.

DEPENDING ON ASSIGNMENT:

Applies resuscitation and other lifesaving techniques in emergency situations only to assist primary Lifeguard on duty.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of water safety practices; good knowledge of the use and care of lifesaving equipment; supervisory ability; ability to swim well and to make surface dives; ability to provide beginning and advanced swim instructions and instruction in water safety practices; ability to get along well with pool users; ability to correct dangerous and unsafe swimming practices; ability to assist Lifeguard on duty with rescuing swimmers and applying first aid and resuscitation; visual acuity; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, plus one (1) year of paid full-time or its part-time/volunteer equivalent experience as a swimming instructor PLUS current possession of a Water Safety Instructor certificate issued by the American Red Cross.

NOTE: Where the minimum education requirement is not fully met, additional experience as a swimming instructor with Water Safety Instructor Certification may be substituted on a year-for-year basis.

DEPENDING ON ASSIGNMENT: Possession of a current Lifeguard Training Certificate issued by the American Red Cross AND a current Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate, Community CPR Certificate, or CPR for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent certifications by a recognized certifying agency acceptable to the New York State Department of Health at the time of appointment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Depending on the position duties, candidates for employment with the Monroe County Government will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test.

If you are appointed, you will be required to have a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State or otherwise demonstrate your capacity to meet the transportation needs of the job.

FORMERLY: Chief Lifeguard (Schools)

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