

## HEALTH PROGRAM AIDE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibilities for assisting in a variety of field tests and activities to support Public Health Sanitarians and Public Health Technicians carry out the various elements of prevention and control programs effecting Public Health. The incumbent performs low risk, routine collection, sorting and identifying specimens and samples primarily in a mosquito control program. The work is performed under direct supervision of a higher-level Technical or Professional employee who reviews reports and provides advisory assistance as needed. A Health Program Aide does related work as required.

### TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Monitors mosquito breeding sites for larval activity;
- Operates portable mosquito light traps identifying mosquitoes captured;
- Performs daily maintenance of mosquito traps and equipment;
- Assists in the tabulation and analysis of data;
- Keeps accurate detailed records of mosquito and larva counts and samples;
- Prepares a variety of records and reports related to mosquito activity;
- Prepare and maintain equipment required to monitor mosquito larvae and adult population;
- Performs acceptable scientific research techniques for collection, counting and classification of insect species;
- May assist in research activities.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of local geography; Working knowledge of environmental health principles and practices; Knowledge of natural sciences and mathematics; Knowledge of modern office technology, procedures, equipment and business English; Ability to read maps and drawings; Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others; Ability to organize and maintain accurate records and files; Physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- A. Satisfactory completion of six (6) semester credit hours from a regionally, or New York State, accredited college or university in the physical or biological sciences;

OR

- B. Graduation from high school, or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and one (1) year of experience in specimen collection or assisting with environmental programs:

Special Requirement: Must have, and maintain, possession of an appropriate license to operate a vehicle in New York State or the ability to provide transportation to remote areas of the county.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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