

LIFEGUARD

DEFINITION

Under close supervision, monitors the use of public pools and maintains safety of the swimming pool area through observation of swimmers, weather conditions and the guarded area.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

(Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include the following tasks, knowledge, skills and other characteristics. This list of tasks is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by positions in this class). Incumbents in this class may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.

TASKS

Monitors the use of public pools and maintains safety of the swimming pool area through observation of swimmers, weather conditions and the guarded area; takes preventative actions to maintain safety of pool area by warning against dangerous practices; responds to water emergencies, rescues and assists patrons in the water; provides basic first aid and reports accidents and incidents at the pool; instructs swimming lessons.

Maintains pool area; sweeps deck and pool area; disposes of trash, dirt and leaves; hoses down deck surrounding pool area; records attendance of all pre-registered participants; maintains equipment and supplies for the pool; tests pool for proper chemical and water balances.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Knowledge of lifesaving practices and procedures
Knowledge of occupational hazards and safety practices applicable to working as a lifeguard
Knowledge of record and report maintenance
Knowledge of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid procedures
Skilled in instructing and monitoring swimming lessons
Skilled in maintaining proper chemical and water balances for pools
Skilled in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships
Ability to perform CPR and First Aid as needed

WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Work is performed in indoor and outdoor environments. Work may require frequent standing, walking, bending, swimming and lifting up to 50 pounds. Incumbents may be exposed to repetitive motion, extreme temperatures and weather, hazardous chemicals, infectious diseases and water and airborne pathogens.

QUALIFICATIONS

Must possess at the time of application and maintain valid California Lifeguard, CPR and First-Aid Certifications.