



SENIOR LIFEGUARD

DEPARTMENT: PARKS & RECREATION
GRADE 12

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

Under general supervision of the Aquatic Coordinator, the incumbent is responsible for the safe operation of the aquatic center and for the safety of its patrons. Work involves exercising preventative safety measures, supervising and instructing swimmers, cleaning and maintaining the pool, water and equipment, and providing aid to swimmers in distress. Work is reviewed through observation for adherence to established policies and procedures.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Observes and supervises activities of swimmers; may be required to instruct swimming and water safety classes; leads special water events/competitions.
2. Aids in the rescue of patrons in the water and administers first aid or life saving techniques as indicated. Obtains professional aid in case of serious accident or injury.
3. Cleans and maintains pool and surrounding area; checks water make-up and adjusts pool chemicals; maintains recreational facilities and equipment.
4. Maintains records and reports of activities.
5. Assists in conducting recreational activities and events.
6. Supervises Lifeguards and Swimming Instructors.

NOTE: The examples of essential functions as listed in this classification specification are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in the class. The omission of an essential function of work does not preclude management from assigning duties not listed herein if such functions are a logical assignment to the position.

REQUIREMENTS:

A. Training and Experience:

High School Diploma or GED; supplemented by two (2) year of experience in recreation programs; or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Must possess a valid American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Certificate, American Red Cross or American Heart Association C.P.R*, for the Professional Rescuer and an American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certificate.

B. Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

Knowledge of life-saving methods and practices.

Knowledge of pool maintenance and proper chemical make-up of pool water.

Ability to make sound, quick independent judgments and to handle persons in emergency or life threatening situations.

Ability to instruct swimming and water safety classes.

Ability to perform rigorous exercises and keep in top physical condition.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the public.

C. Physical Requirements: 1

D. Environmental Requirements: 3

E. Sensory Requirements: 2, 3, 6, 8, 9