

## LIFEGUARD

### **DEFINITION**

Under supervision, monitors pool area activities and swimmer safety.

### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED**

This classification receives supervision and leader direction from the Pool Supervisor and Senior Lifeguard. This class does not exercise supervision.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

Lifeguard is the working level in the lifeguard series. Lifeguards monitor the pool area to prevent accidents through the enforcement of rules, regulations, and ordinances governing the conduct of patrons. Lifeguard is distinguished from the higher level class of Senior Lifeguard in that the latter provides lead direction and assumes responsibility for the operation of a pool facility in the absence of the Pool Supervisor.

### **EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

*may include, but not limited to, the following:*

Closely monitors the pool area for accidents or potential unsafe conditions.

Rescues, resuscitates, and administers necessary first-aid and CPR to swimmers; calls out warnings to people who may have ventured too far or are in imminent danger.

Determines if medical care is necessary and notifies appropriate agency.

Adds chemicals, collects water samples, tests the water, records information in operation log, and report imbalances to the supervisor.

Assists with minor maintenance work in the pool area.

Ensures appropriate headcount of people involved in a watersport on an hourly basis.

Performs related duties as required.

### **JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Knowledge of:**

Water-rescue and accident-prevention techniques, emergency procedures, simulation drills, water-safety policies, first aid, and CPR.

Operational safety and maintenance requirements for aquatics facilities and amenities.

**Skill to:**

Consider the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

Perform life saving techniques.

**Ability to:**

Test water for acid and chlorine.

Perform aquatic strokes.

Use lifesaving techniques to rescue swimmers.

Maintain records and order supplies.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Deal effectively with emergency situations.

Assess the environment and take remedial action.

Communicate information and ideas effectively.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

**Experience:**

Previous experience in lifesaving, swim instruction, or advanced swimming is required; or enrollment in or completion of a recognized Junior Lifeguard program.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Possession of a Lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR-PR certificates as issued by the Red Cross in order to be assigned to a pool facility.

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