

CITY OF IRWINDALE

LIFEGUARD

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Under general supervision, performs a full range of lifeguard and instructor duties; observes and supervises the activities of patrons in the pool and surrounding area; protects life, prevents accidents, and enforces pool regulations; rescues swimmers in emergency situations and provides emergency medical treatment; assists in the maintenance of facilities and equipment; and performs a variety of tasks relative to assigned area of responsibility.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

The following duties are typical for this classification. Incumbents may not perform all of the listed duties and/or may be required to perform additional or different duties from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.

1. Observes and supervises activities of swimmers in the pool and the surrounding area; explains and enforces applicable pool rules and regulations.
2. Responds to unsafe conditions and potential hazards.
3. Rescues persons in distress or in danger of drowning; provides emergency response as necessary including first aid and CPR; calls for emergency response on serious accident cases.
4. Patrols the pool for accidents in the water or on the swimming pool deck and warns or alerts patrons of dangerous swimming practices or pool use.
5. Assists in swimming and lifesaving instructions.
6. Teaches a variety of swim strokes in accordance with the American Red Cross standards.
7. Performs various maintenance duties including, but not limited to, maintaining the pool decks, dressing rooms, sinks, toilets, and restroom walls, watering down pool area, mopping floors, and emptying refuse containers.
8. Performs related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

The following generally describes the knowledge and ability required to enter the job and/or be learned within a short period of time in order to successfully perform the assigned duties.

Knowledge of:

Principles and practices of swimming, life guarding and water safety.
Methods and techniques of first aid and CPR.
Basic operations, services and activities of a public swimming facility.
Principles and practices of public relations.
Appropriate safety precautions and procedures within the area of assignment.
Pertinent Federal, State and local codes, laws and regulations

Ability to:

Perform lifeguarding duties and water rescues.
Enforce applicable rules and regulations of the City pool.

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Swim with endurance and proficiency at a level necessary to perform assigned duties.
Lift a victim from the pool.
Exercise sound judgment.
Respond to emergency situations and administer first aid and CPR as necessary.
Respond to requests and inquiries from the general public.
Follow written and oral instructions.
Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience Guidelines - Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education/Training:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade or currently attending high school.

Experience:

One year of lifeguarding or swimming instruction experience is desirable.

License or Certificate:

Must be at least 16 years of age (minors need to submit work permit at time of appointment).
Possession of a "CPR for Professional Rescuer" certificate.
Possession of a First Aid certificate.
Possession of Lifeguarding certificate.
Possession of a Water Safety Instructor certificate is highly desirable.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential job functions.

Environment: Incumbents are required to work at a public pool and are exposed to inclement weather conditions, potentially hazardous chemicals, harsh or toxic substances and vapors; work in water; incumbents may be required to work evenings, weekends, and holidays

Physical: Incumbents require sufficient mobility for sitting, standing, walking, stooping, reaching, bending, climbing and swimming; moderate to heavy lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling.

Vision: See in the normal visual range with or without correction; vision sufficient to read small print and to operate equipment.

Hearing: Hear in the normal audio range with or without correction.

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