

## WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR (WSI)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Work involves responsibility for teaching swimming lessons at a local facility. Skills are taught in accordance with accepted standards. Work is performed under the general direction of a Recreation Leader or oversight body. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Gives instruction in swimming techniques; Organizes groups according to ability; Assesses the swimming ability of each participant prior to allowing the person to participate in aquatic activities; Assesses individual skill and issues certificates; May conduct swimming instruction for different levels of skill; Keeps swimming areas free of glass and other debris; May perform other routine duties such as repairing equipment, pool cleaning and maintenance; Maintains safe and orderly environment; Enforces compliance with applicable beach or swimming pool rules; May include supervision of lifeguards.

FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of swimming standards and instructional techniques; ability to swim well; ability to deal with the public and to secure cooperation without necessary antagonism; ability to keep records and to make reports and arithmetic computations; good observation; mental alertness; good moral character; excellent physical condition.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Current Water Safety Instructor certification as set forth on the NYS fact sheet of acceptable certifications for the given year.

NOTE: Water Safety Instructor Certification **DOES NOT ALLOW** one to perform Lifeguard duties.

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