

**DESCRIPTION:** Under general supervision, provides consultation services in all phases of sanitation related to standard setting for and evaluation and operation of food facilities; performs related work as assigned.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:** (A position is assigned to this class based on the scope and level of work performed as outlined below.)

This is the first classification level of two in the Agriculture Food Sanitarian class series. Positions allocated to this class perform routine sanitation inspections under the supervision of the Agriculture Food Service Evaluation Officer with limited enforcement capabilities. Incumbents allocated to the Agriculture Food Sanitarian II class perform sanitation inspections and enforcement duties at full performance with minimal supervision.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do these examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Conducts routine inspections for sanitation and compliance with the Nebraska Pure Food Act.

Serves as a specialist in sanitation services related to food facilities.

Participates in conferences with officials of food industry to interpret sanitation standards and their implementation to enable these facilities to qualify for certification.

Participates in studies, surveys and public food service experiments and research related to sanitation practices in food industry, and prepares reports and recommendations.

Evaluates food facility sanitary environment for compliance with minimum standards for certification or licensure.

Collects, codes and ships food samples to the State Agriculture Laboratory for further analysis.

Consults with persons operating or desiring to start food establishments.

Interprets available services and provides consultation to agencies and professional organizations concerned with food facility operations.

Collects evidence to prepare testimony for use in legal actions involving the licensure and certification process.

Investigates complaints concerning sanitation to determine the relevancy of the complaints, reports any violations, and schedules follow-up review or other appropriate action.

Presents food service training to establishment operators and food handlers.

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**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:** (These are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: the laws and regulations of food inspection; the Nebraska Pure Food Act; the principles and techniques of interviewing; food industry.

Skill in: presenting information to individuals and large groups.

Ability to: interact with individuals to gain their confidence and to establish rapport; communicate with the public and businesses; interpret and apply policies, guidelines, rules, procedures and standards; compare data with established criteria to determine similarities and differences and identify conformance with standards; make decisions and take action on non-compliance problems; work independently with little supervision; prioritize work in an efficient manner; compile and interpret inspection data; prepare accurate and concise technical reports; operate field laboratory equipment and specialized sampling equipment; work in inclement temperatures and environments exposed to infectious diseases and toxic/hazardous substances.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** (Applicants will be screened for possession of these qualifications. Applicants who need accommodation in the selection process should request this in advance.)

Bachelor's degree with 30 semester hours in natural sciences and/or biological science.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

Incumbents must be able to sit for a Registered Environmental Health Specialist Certification (REHS) within two years of hire.

Specific positions in this class may require an employee to possess a valid driver's license or the ability to provide independent authorized transportation in order to perform work-related travel.

Regular overnight and/or day travel outside the city of residence may be required of incumbents in this job.

State agencies are responsible to evaluate each of their positions to determine their individual overtime eligibility status as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).