

THERAPEUTIC/AQUATICS RECREATION SUPERVISOR

PURPOSE AND NATURE OF WORK

Position is responsible for planning and developing recreational and aquatic programs for special populations. Purpose of work is to provide meaningful recreational programs for physically or mentally handicapped persons, senior citizens, etc., and maintenance of all swimming pools. Incumbents may be required to work unusual hours and have considerable amount of public contact. General direction is received from the Programs and Maintenance Manager and has supervisory responsibilities for a staff involved in therapeutic and aquatic activities.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK (Note: These examples are intended only to illustrate the various types of work performed by incumbents in this class. All of the duties performed by any one incumbent may not be listed, nor does any incumbent necessarily perform all of these duties.)

Plans, coordinates, and supervises recreation programs for special populations directly and/or through the Recreation Centers Supervisors, other public and private agencies, civic groups, and volunteers. Conducts summer day camps for children with special needs; coordinates Lafayette Consolidated Government's participation in the Special Olympics, Unified Wheel Chair Sports, Gulf State Conference and various other programs for challenged populations. Assures compliance with the law regarding therapeutic recreation programs and persons with disabilities. Coordinates and facilitates groups for the purpose of educating members. Designs, coordinates, and teaches programs such as anger management, substance abuse, adult psychiatric, bus usage, etc. aimed at facilitating independence. May meet with individuals in the hospital to explain availability of therapeutic recreation programs.

Maintains all swimming pools, orders chemicals and ensures repairs are made. Organizes high school swimming, swimming lessons, schedules meets, staff and volunteers, and collects and reports fees.

Prepares news releases; makes public presentations; coordinates and conducts publicity for programs; provides information concerning municipal recreation policies and activities. Reviews recreation activity programs and proposes changes or additions as needed. Furnishes data for the preparation of division's budget. Hires, supervises, trains, evaluates staff.

Performs related work as required.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Thorough knowledge of the principles, practices, and objectives of therapeutic and aquatics recreation, and of activities commonly included in programming for special populations.

Considerable knowledge of law, techniques, and equipment requirements of various disabilities.

Knowledge of the safety precautions and requirements and first-aid methods applicable to recreation and aquatics activities.

Ability to plan, organize, and direct complete and comprehensive therapeutic recreational and aquatic activities.

Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with superiors, community leaders, civic organizations, volunteers, and the general public.

Ability to express ideas clearly and effectively, orally and in writing, for news releases and program reports.

Ability to enforce regulations firmly, but tactfully.

Ability to obtain certification from the National Therapeutic Recreation Certification Council and Certified Pool Operator certification.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's degree from an accredited university with major course work in therapeutic recreation, considerable experience in organizing therapeutic and aquatic recreation activities, maintenance of swimming pools, and certification as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist by the NCTRC; or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATION

Possession of a valid Louisiana Chauffeur's License prior to appointment.