

VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AQUATIC SPECIALIST

DEFINITION

Under direction, to plan, organize, coordinate, and participate in a variety of swimming and water safety instructional activities; to aid in the training and monitoring of the performance of aquatics personnel; to provide instructional support and follow-up activities; and to do other related work as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Plan, organize, and schedule with the instructional and therapy personnel the swimming and water safety instruction.
- Evaluate and determine the level of swimming instruction for students participating in the swimming program.
- Plan, evaluate, and modify swimming activities to meet the individual needs of students.
- Plan, organize, and schedule individual and group swimming instruction.
- Participate in the maintenance and follow-up of student behavior management and shaping plans.
- Inspect the pool, deck, water chemical balance, and pool-related issues to ensure compliance with health and safety standards.
- Establish and maintain a variety of records concerning swimming instruction, water safety, and student attendance and progress.
- Administer first aid and seek assistance for serious illness, injury, or accidental situations.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Methods, procedures and techniques of the planning and organization of an aquatics instruction and water safety program;

Basic concepts of child growth and development and the behavior characteristics of adolescent students;

Behavior management strategies and techniques typically utilized with adolescent students;

Swimming instruction, lifeguard instruction, and water safety programs;

Appropriate English usage, punctuation, spelling, and grammar;

Record management, storage, and retrieval procedures;

Instructional strategies pertaining to swimming and lifesaving instruction.

Ability to:

Demonstrate an empathetic, patient, and understanding attitude with adolescent students;

Maintain a safe, healthful, organized swimming instruction program;

Communicate satisfactorily in oral and written form;

Prepare clear and concise reports;

Understand and carry out oral and written directions;

Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with children and adults.

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PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical requirements indicated below are examples of the physical aspects that this position classification must perform in carrying out essential job functions.

- Persons performing service in this position classification will exert 20 to 40 pounds of force frequently to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects.
- This type of work involves sitting a portion of the time, but will involve walking or standing for brief periods.
- Perceiving the nature of sound, near and far visual acuity, depth perception, providing oral information, and possessing the manual dexterity to operate business related equipment and to handle and work with various materials and objects are important aspects of this job.
- Must have a full range of motion in the upper extremities.

Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable a person with a disability to perform the essential functions of the job.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and skill is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and skill would be:

Experience:

Two years of experience planning, organizing, and participating in a swimming, water therapy, and water safety program.

Education:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade, supplemented by course work at the Community College level in physical education, lifeguard training, and swimming and water safety instruction.

Certificate Requirements:

Possession of an advanced lifesaving and water safety certificate, and an advanced first aid certificate issued by the American Red Cross, including CPR training.