GENERAL MECHANIC

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: A General Mechanic performs journey-level work in one trade, and skilled and semiskilled level work in a combination of other trades in the repair and maintenance of facilities and equipment. Incumbents frequently supervise others in maintenance, repair, and construction activities. The specialized trades titles of Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber and Steamfitter or Motor Equipment Mechanic are distinguished from General Mechanic by the performance of journey-level work in a single trade generally on a full-time basis. A Maintenance Assistant performs semiskilled maintenance, repair and related activities, and under direction may perform many of the same maintenance tasks as an artisan in one or a combination of crafts, usually under the supervision of an artisan. Although the work of a General Mechanic is inspected periodically by a supervisor, incumbents are expected to work with considerable independence of a craftsperson. As assigned, a General Mechanic supervises a subordinate maintenance staff in making assignments, giving instructions, and observing and inspecting work performed to insure that instructions have been followed and that the quality of the work is satisfactory.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- The services performed by General Mechanics vary from position to position so that the listing of specific activities and tasks is impracticable. However, General Mechanics have one responsibility in common, that of performing a variety of skilled and semiskilled maintenance, repair, installation and construction tasks in the mechanical, building, motor equipment and electrical trades;
- Performs journey-level work in one trade;
- Performs semiskilled maintenance, repair and related activities;
- Supervises a subordinate maintenance staff in making assignments, giving instructions, and observing and inspecting work performed to insure that instructions have been followed and that the quality of the work is satisfactory;
- Performs related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Not all General Mechanic positions require all of these knowledges and abilities all of the time. Rather, these are job requirements that characterize the occupation generally:

- Working knowledge of methods, material, tools and equipment used in the craft or crafts to which assigned;
- Working knowledge of applicable standards and plumbing and electrical code regulations;

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• Ability to use the tools, machines, equipment and material of the craft or crafts to which assigned;
• Ability to train and supervise others;
• Ability to plan and lay out work and diagnose problems;
• Ability to read and to interpret plans diagrams, architectural blueprints and specifications;
• Ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions;
• Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Four (4) years of full-time experience in a trade under a skilled journey-level position which would provide training equivalent to that given in an apprenticeship program.

Apprentice training in trade or training gained by completion of technical courses in a trade at school or institute may be substituted for the above experience on a year-for-year basis.

SPECIAL NOTE: A valid NYS Driver’s License is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

The terms of employment require the use of an employee’s vehicle for transportation.

NOTE: Position may require Saturday, Sunday, and holiday hours and/or work assignments during the day, evening and nights.

Position may require ability to work Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays; and able to work shift assignments during the day, evening and nights.