

Environmental Systems: Basic and Advanced Water Resources

Youth Apprenticeship

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS: BASIC AND ADVANCED WATER RESOURCES

Environmental systems youth apprentices learn core skills needed by the water industry to promote protection, improvement, and sustainability of water resources.

Length of Apprenticeship: One or two years

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

Youth apprentices must become proficient in both general employability and occupation-specific competencies. All of these, and examples of how each can be demonstrated, are found in the following pages. **Year 1**: Below are 11 occupational competencies must be learned for this occupation. **Year 2**: Below are 12 occupational competencies must be learned. Employers may substitute out one of the competencies per year and should write in the competency they are adding. Youth apprentices must be evaluated on these competencies at least two times each year of their apprenticeship.

	YEAR 1 Competencies		YEAR 2 Competencies
1.	Interpret work order	1.	Assist with report submissions
2.	Create work order	2.	Prepare chemicals
3.	Monitor operating conditions, meters,	3.	Add chemicals to systems
	pumps, and gauges	4.	Perform start-up and shut down of pumps
4.	Collect operational data		and equipment
5.	Use operations software (such as SCADA,	5.	Inspect operational equipment
	PLC, DBs)	6.	Troubleshoot basic operations
6.	Perform basic facility maintenance	7.	Analyze lab results
7.	Collect samples	8.	Maintain schedules, communication, and
8.	Measure weight		documentation
9.	Measure volume	9.	Perform preventive maintenance (PM)
10.	Perform calculations and conversions	10.	Calibrate equipment
11.	Conduct basic lab tests	11.	Troubleshoot and repair equipment
		12.	Analyze operational data for
			productivity/trends

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP BRIDGING OPPORTUNITIES

The following Registered Apprenticeship is available in this area:

- Steamfitter
- Sheetmetal
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES

There are several post-secondary pathway opportunities in this area. Following is partial list.

- Water Quality Technician
- Environmental Engineering



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ON-THE-JOB LEARNING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS GUIDE

YOUTH APPRENTICE INFORMATION

Youth Apprentice Name	
YA Coordinator	
YA Consortium	
School District	
SIGNATURES	
The On-the-Job Learning Performance Standards Gu	uide includes a list of competencies youth
apprentices learn through mentoring and training at	·
Instructions for the Worksite Employers/Mentors and should be reviewed with the employer/mentor, schoolthe youth apprentice to record progress and plan full competencies. Mentors, school-based/YA coordinate	ool-based or YA coordinator on a regular basis with ture steps to ensure completion of the required
1 st Evaluation (Required)	2 nd Evaluation (Required)
Employer/Mentor Signature	Employer/Mentor Signature
Employer/Mentor	Employer/Mentor
Business/Company	Business/Company
Date Signed	Date Signed
3 rd Evaluation (Optional)	4th Evaluation (Optional)
Employer/Mentor Signature	Employer/Mentor Signature
Employer/Mentor	Employer/Mentor
Business/Company	Business/Company
Date Signed	Date Signed

School-Based and/or YA Coordinator

1st Evaluation (Required)

2nd Evaluation (Required)

School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature	School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature
School-Based and/or YA Coordinator	School-Based and/or YA Coordinator
School District or Organization	School District or Organization
Date Signed	Date Signed

3rd Evaluation (Optional)

4th Evaluation (Optional)

School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature	School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature
School-Based and/or YA Coordinator	School-Based and/or YA Coordinator
School District or Organization	School District or Organization
Date Signed	Date Signed

Youth Apprentice

1st Evaluation (Required)

2nd Evaluation (Required)

Youth Apprentice Signature	Youth Apprentice Signature
Youth Apprentice	Youth Apprentice
School District / High School	School District / High School
Date Signed	Date Signed

3rd Evaluation (Optional)

4th Evaluation (Optional)

Youth Apprentice Signature	Youth Apprentice Signature
Youth Apprentice	Youth Apprentice
School District / High School	School District / High School
Date Signed	Date Signed

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS (TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

All youth apprentices must demonstrate the key employability skills listed below in order to complete the YA program. They do so by earning at least a "Meets Expectation" rating in each. **At least two evaluations are required each year of a youth apprenticeship.** More columns are included below for those who choose to conduct more frequent reviews.

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	Employability Skills		Rati	ing	
	Competency and Rating Criteria	Initial	Mid Year 1	Mid Year 2	Final
1.	 Develops positive work relationships with others. Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include: Interacts with others with respect and in a non-judgmental manner Responds to others in an appropriate and non-offensive manner Helps co-workers and peers accomplish tasks or goals Applies problem-solving strategies to improve relations with others When managing others, shows traits such as compassion, listening, coaching, team development, and appreciation 	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3			
2.	 Communicates effectively with others Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include Adjusts the communication approach for the target audience, purpose, and situation to maximize impact Organizes messages/information in a logical and helpful manner Speaks clearly and writes legibly Models behaviors to show active listening Applies what was read to actual practice Asks appropriate questions for clarity 	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	□1 □2 □3	□1 □2 □3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
3.	 Collaborates with others Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include Works effectively in teams with people of diverse backgrounds regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, religion, political views, and abilities Shares responsibility for collaborative work and decision making Uses the problem-solving process to work through differences of opinion in a constructive manner to achieve a reasonable compromise Avoids contributing to an unproductive group conflict Shares information and carries out responsibilities in a timely manner 	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□1 □2 □3	□1 □2 □3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

En	nployability Skills		Rat	ing	
Competency a	nd Rating Criteria	Initial	Mid Year 1	Mid Year 2	Final
with a challenging situationCarries out assigned duties while	the employee might exhibit include It the best options or outcomes when faced under pressure and non-offensive manner while under	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3
 Demonstrates integrity Examples of qualities and habits that t Carries out responsibilities in an e Responds to situations in a timely Takes personal responsibility to co Models behaviors that demonstrated dependability 	thical, legal and confidential manner manner orrect problems	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3			
 Performs quality work Examples of qualities and habits that t Carries out written and verbal dire Completes work efficiently and ef Performs calculations accurately Conserves resources, supplies, an environmental impact Uses equipment, technology, and Applies problem-solving strategies Adheres to worksite regulations a Maintains an organized work area 	ections accurately fectively d materials to minimize costs and work strategies to improve workflow s to improve productivity nd practices	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3			
actions • Displays a respectful and profession	the employee might exhibit include Inal goals and principles by own personal Conal image to customers and desire to take care of customer needs there satisfaction	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	□1 □2 □3
 attention Reflects on any unsatisfactory out Improves personal performance b Analyzes how own actions impact Supports own action with sound r 	exibilities without being told exibility to handle tasks that need immediate excome as an opportunity to learn by doing something different or differently the overall organization	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□1 □2 □3

Employability Skills		Rat	ing	
Competency and Rating Criteria	Initial	Mid Year 1	Mid Year 2	Final
 9. Adapts to change Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include Shows flexibility and willingness to learn new skills for various job roles Uses problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to cope with changing circumstances Modifies own work behavior based on feedback, unsatisfactory outcomes, efficiency, and effectiveness Displays a "can do" attitude 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	□1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	□2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	□3
 10. Demonstrates safety and security regulations and practices Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include Follows personal safety requirements Maintains a safe work environment Demonstrates professional role in an emergency Follows security procedures Maintains confidentiality 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	□1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	□2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	□3
 11. Applies job-related technology, information, and media Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include Applies technology effectively in the workplace Assesses and evaluates information on the job Assesses training manuals, website, and other media related to the job 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3
 12. Fulfills training or certification requirements for employment Examples of this requirement may include Participation in required career-related training and/or educational programs Passing certification tests to qualify for licensure and/or certification Participation in company training or orientation 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3
 13. Sets personal goals for improvement Examples of this requirement may include Setting goals that are specific and measurable Setting work-related goals that align with the organization's mission Identifying strategies to reach goals Reflecting on goal progress to regularly evaluate and modify goals 	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1	□1
	□ 2	□ 2	□ 2	□2
	□ 3	□ 3	□ 3	□3

YEAR 1 OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES (TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

Youth apprentices must earn a rating of at least "MEETS EXPECTATIONS" in each competency by the conclusion of the apprenticeship. A total of 11 competencies, 10 must be from the list below. If necessary, employers can substitute one competency with another occupationally appropriate skill. That skill should be added to the competency list for assessment. At least two evaluations are required each year of a youth apprenticeship. More columns are included below for those who choose to conduct more frequent reviews.

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Occupational Competencies		Rat			
Competency and Rating Criteria	Mini	Evaluation Minimum Rating of 2 EA Check Rating		EACH	
	Initial	Mid Year 1	Mid Year 2	Final	
 Interpret work order use work order to plan work identify procedures to be completed follow work order to complete the work 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	
 Create work order work order is entered into the computer work order includes all the key information work order is accurate 	☐ 1	□1	☐ 1	☐ 1	
	☐ 2	□2	☐ 2	☐ 2	
	☐ 3	□3	☐ 3	☐ 3	
 Monitor operating conditions, meters, pumps, and gauges operate the flow measuring device monitor alarm systems follow site-specific alarm procedures identify alarm locations respond to alarms document results 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	
 Collect operational data obtain operational data collect and store samples for testing download data from meters and data loggers to computer databases perform physical measurements and process control calculations 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	□ 1	
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	□ 2	
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	□ 3	

Occupational Competencies		Rat	ing	
Competency and Rating Criteria	Evaluation Minimum Rating of 2 EACH Check Rating			
	Initial	Mid Year 1	Mid Year 2	Final
 5. Use operations software (such as SCADA, PLC, DBs) locate file add and edit data query data verify data monitor processes 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	□1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	□2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	□3
 6. Perform basic facility maintenance don appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) perform cleaning use appropriate cleaning solutions 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3
 7. Collect samples wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) setup sampling equipment and materials setup field testing equipment, materials, etc. (test kits) identify proper method and container for sample label sample or container collect required amount of sample store sample as required preserve chain of custody 	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3
8. Measure weight • select the appropriate equipment and materials for the measurement • calculate the accuracy and standard deviation of your values • record measurements in appropriate units and significant figures	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3
 9. Measure volume select the appropriate container for measuring volume measure using graduated cylinders measure using serological pipettes measure using micro pipettors record measurements in appropriate units and amount of significant figures 	☐ 1	□1	☐ 1	□ 1
	☐ 2	□2	☐ 2	□ 2
	☐ 3	□3	☐ 3	□ 3
10. Perform calculations and conversions	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1	☐ 1
	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2	☐ 2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3

Occupational Competencies	Rating			
	Evaluation			
	Minimum Rating of 2 EACH			
Competency and Rating Criteria	Check Rating			
	Initial	Mid	Mid	Final
		Year 1	Year 2	
11. Conduct basic lab tests	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1
select and setup equipment and supplies	2	2	☐ 2	□ 2
 prepare reagents, solutions, and/or buffers 	□ 3	□ 3	□ 3	□ 3
 prepare quality control samples as needed 				
 prepare sample for testing 				
test the sample				
record results				
clean glassware and instruments				
 segregate, recycle, or dispose of waste following facility guidelines 				
apply standard precautions				
 document testing results 				
Competency Substitute (if you replaced a competency above, note the				
competency and rating)	☐ 2	☐ 2	∐2	□ 2
	☐ 3	☐ 3	☐ 3	<u> </u>
Comments:				

YEAR 2 OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES (TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

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Occupational Competencies		Ratii	ngs	
Competency and Rating Criteria	Evaluation - Minimum Rating of 2 EACH Check Rating			
Competency and Nating Criteria	Initial	Mid Year 1	Mid Year 2	Final
1. Assist with report submissions	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1
 obtain data and information 	□ 2	□ 2	□ 2	□ 2
 complete forms 		 3	 3	 3
 obtain authorizations as indicated 				
submit reports				
2. Prepare chemicals	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1
 perform calculations and conversions as needed 	□ 2	□2	□2	□2
 determine the concentration and amount required 	<u> </u>			
 mix the proper concentration of solutions from solids and/or liquids 				
 test and adjust pH or concentration if required 				
 label and store prepared item as required per protocol 				
 document chemical preparation as required 				
• clean up				
3. Add chemicals to systems	□ 1	□1	□ 1	□ 1
 confirm chemical required 	□2	□2	□ 2	□ 2
 verify chemical is properly mixed and within expiration date 		_ ☐ 3	_ □3	_ □ 3
 transport chemical to system site for addition to system 				
 add chemical to system site 				
 document chemical addition as required 				
 transport, store, and dispose of materials as indicated 				

Occupational Competencies		Ratii	ngs	
	Evaluation - Minimum Rating of		ting of	
	2 EACH Check Rating			_
Competency and Rating Criteria	Initial	Mid	Mid	Final
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4. Perform start-up and shut down of pumps and equipment	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1
 check equipment fluid, air, pressure levels as required 	□2	□2	□2	□ 2
set equipment settings as required			 □ 3	 3
 monitor start-up as required to ensure correct operation 				
shut-down equipment safely				
 identify any process or equipment maintenance concerns 				
take corrective action to report and correct maintenance concerns				
5. Inspect operational equipment	1	□1	□ 1	1
 inspect equipment for function and damage 	□2	□2	□2	□ 2
 assist to troubleshoot and repair equipment problems 			<u> </u>	 3
take corrective actions				
 lockout/tag out equipment that is inoperable 				
document inspection				
6. Troubleshoot basic operations	1	1	1	1
 regularly review quality control indicators for water treatment 	□ 2	□ 2	□ 2	□ 2
operations	□ 3	□ 3	□ 3	Пз
assist to analyze lab results				
assist to analyze operational data for productivity/trends				
 take corrective actions for item out of compliance following required protocol 				
 adjust processes for water treatment as required (add chemicals, 				
adjust equipment rates, etc.)				
document operational correction				
7. Analyze lab results	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1
 collect data and results from testing 	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
 select and use statistical tools to analyze and synthesize data 			☐ ☐ 3	□ 3
 create tables and graphs to organize data 				
query and extract information from data				
 interpret graphs and the trends in data 				
 use tools to manipulate data creating models, reports, plans, 				
processes, or projects from data provided				
 document analysis process and tools used 				
 draw conclusions based on analysis with worksite professional 				
 assist to troubleshoot operations and adjust processes based on lab 				
results				
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Occupational Competencies		Ratir	ngs	
·	Evaluation - Minimum Rating of		ting of	
Competency and Rating Criteria	2 EACH Check Rating		3	
Competency and Nating Citteria	Initial	Mid	Mid	Final
		Year 1	Year 2	
8. Maintain schedules, communication, and documentation	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
update schedules as maintenance is completed compuniste maintenance and renair people dearly.	2	□ 2	□ 2	2
 communicate maintenance and repair needs clearly use the correct reporting formats for documentation and 	□ 3	□ 3	□ 3	□ 3
communication				
document maintenance and repair activities accurately				
maintenance is documented clearly and completely				
9. Perform preventive maintenance (PM)	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1
ensure that equipment is properly labeled and pulled from production	□ 2	□ 2	□ 2	□ 2
use	□ 3	□ 3	□ 3	□ 3
 follow appropriate Lockout/Tag Out procedures prior to performing PM 				
follow all safety requirements and wear appropriate personal				
protective equipment (PPE) as required				
document preventative actions completed				
10. Calibrate equipment	□ 1	□ 1	□ 1	□1
clean and adjust instruments before calibrating	☐ -	☐ _	☐ -	□ -
calibrate tools and instruments accurately and correctly	☐ 3	□ -	□ -	□ -
 promptly re-calibrate tools out of calibration 				
re-qualify tools and instruments sent out for recalibration or repairs				
label tools and equipment that have been calibrated				
document all calibration activities				
11. Troubleshoot and repair equipment	□1	□1	□1	□1
ensure that equipment is properly labeled and pulled from production	☐ <u>2</u>	☐	☐	□ - □ 2
use (Lock Out/Tag Out)			☐ 3	
follow all safety requirements and wear appropriate personal				
protective equipment (PPE) as required				
take appropriate readings using meters and testing equipment				
determine the cause of the problems reported assist with basic repair.				
 assist with basic repair assist to re-qualify equipment 				
document testing, evaluation, repair, and requalification				
assument testing, evaluation, repair, and requalification				

Occupational Competencies	Ratings			
	Evaluation - Minimum Rating of			
Competency and Rating Criteria	2 [ck Rating	;
	Initial	Mid Year 1	Mid Year 2	Final
 12. Analyze operational data for productivity/trends obtain questionable or out of compliance data and reports define question/problem to be evaluated select data analysis tool collect additional data if needed organize data using quality tools analyze lab results and other operational data assist to troubleshoot operations and adjust processes based on analysis 	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3	☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
Competency Substitute (if you replaced a competency above, note the competency and rating)	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□1 □2 □3	□1 □2 □3
Comments:				

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