NYS Bathing Facilities
Supervision Level III Aquatic Staff Certification
Required for Instructional Activities
(Not applicable to Children's Camps)

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The New York State Sanitary Code (SSC) requires Supervision Level III staff to possess aquatic injury prevention and emergency response certification when assisting required lifeguards (Supervision Level IIa) during instructional activities, in accordance with Section 6-1.23(a)(6) of Subpart 6-1 of the SSC. Instructional activities include, but are not limited to, learn-to-swim programs, physical education classes and swim team practices. One Supervision Level III staff must be provided for each required lifeguard engaged in instructional activities.

Accepted Courses (Certifications are valid for the time period specified by the provider but may not exceed three years from the date of course completion.)	
Provider	**Certification Title**
American Red Cross (ARC) Lifeguarding Management (LGM) certifications: – Lifeguard Management (LGM) is only offered online. In-person testing is required and obtained through ARC Lifeguarding Instructors that are ARC Authorized Providers. – Certification expiration date is based on the LGM certificate, not the in-person testing certificate date. Certifications without an expiration date are not valid. Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer or Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 certifications: – Certificates including a combination of Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24 and Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 are acceptable. – Certificates are valid for the time period specified in parentheses after the certification title.	➢ Lifeguard Management – Certifications must be accompanied by a separate certification indicating in-person testing session. ➢ Lifeguarding Instructor r.24 ➢ Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer r.24
American Aquatics Safety Training	➢ Aquatic Supervisor (Lifeguard Management, Pool Activity Leader)
East Aurora Union Free School District	➢ East Aurora Union Free School District Level Three Aquatic Supervisor Course
Buffalo Public Schools	➢ Second Set of Eyes

In addition to the training, Level III Aquatic Supervisory staff must:

- Be a minimum of 18 years;
- Possess a current American Red Cross Community CPR or equivalent certification, not to exceed one year;
- Possess competencies as specified in Section 6-1.31(c)(1)(iii) of the SSC.