JULIAN MERCER

LIFEGUARD

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Certified Lifeguard with 5+ years guarding pools, a municipal aquatic center, and a youth swim program. Keeps patrons safe through steady scanning and rapid rescue response, and supports operations with water testing, rule enforcement, and incident documentation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Head Lifeguard May 2024 - Present
City of San Jose Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, San Jose, CA

- Supervise a rotation of 14 guards across a municipal pool that hosts about 400 swimmers on peak summer days.
- Run weekly in-service drills on spinal injury and submerged-victim rescues, raising audit scores for guard skill checks from 82% to 96%.
- Responded to 11 rescues and 40+ minor first-aid cases in a season, completing an incident report within one hour of each event.
- Test and log chlorine and pH levels every two hours, closing the pool twice for corrections before swimmers were at risk.
- Rewrote the rotation schedule to put a 10-minute scanning break between stations, which ended late-afternoon guard fatigue complaints.

Lifeguard and Swim Instructor Jun 2022 - Apr 2024
YMCA of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara, CA

- Guarded indoor lap and family pools during morning and evening shifts with zero reportable drowning incidents.
- Taught group Learn-to-Swim lessons to 30+ children a session and moved 85% of them up a level by the end of the term.
- Enforced pool rules with calm, specific instructions that kept pool-deck violations low during crowded open swims.
- Trained four new hires on station scanning, emergency action plans, and AED use during their first two weeks.
- Reduced pool-deck slip injuries by posting wet-floor signs and rerouting a congested walkway near the locker rooms.

Lifeguard May 2021 - Sep 2021
California's Great America, Santa Clara, CA

- Guarded a busy wave pool and lazy river, rotating stations every 20 minutes to keep scanning sharp.
- Assisted EMS with two patient handoffs, helping carry out a spinal board transfer without delay.
- Completed daily opening checklists for rescue tubes, backboards, and first-aid kits, and reported missing items before the park opened.

CORE SKILLS

Water rescue | Zone scanning | CPR and AED | First aid | Spinal injury management | Emergency action plans | Pool chemistry testing | Incident reporting | Swim instruction | Crowd and rule enforcement | Supervising guards | Backboarding | Rescue tube and rescue board

EDUCATION

Associate of Arts in Kinesiology, De Anza College, Cupertino, CA

CERTIFICATIONS

Lifeguarding with CPR/AED and First Aid, American Red Cross | Water Safety Instructor, American Red Cross | Certified Pool Operator (CPO), Pool & Hot Tub Alliance