



DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES A PROMOTION EXAMINATION FOR:

Title: Communicable Disease Coordinator  
Number: 79187  
Salary: \$70,776 – 86,235 – Dutchess County (2019 Salary)

Date of Examination: 03/16/2019  
Applications Accepted Until: 01/16/2019  
Applications postmarked 01/16/2019 will be accepted.  
Applications accepted until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Administration of an exam does not imply a vacancy exists.**

**A \$15.00 fee and examination application is required for each separately numbered examination:** Application processing fee is payable by check, money order or credit card. Cash is **NOT** accepted. Check or money order must be made payable to “Commissioner of Finance” with the examination number and title indicated on the check or money order. The fee may be waived for candidates meeting certain criteria. See application for more details regarding fee waiver. **Read the announcement carefully; the application processing fee will NOT be refunded to disapproved applicants.**

**VACANCY:** The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used, when appropriate, to fill vacancies as they occur in the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health.

**QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE:** Candidates must possess two (2) years of permanent competitive class status as a Senior Public Health Advisor in the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health immediately preceding March 16, 2019.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Any person appointed to this position will be required to complete the course Passport to Partner Services given by the CDC.
2. Possession of New York State Driver License at time of application and to maintain position.

**DUTIES:** This is a technical and administrative position in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health for the Communicable Disease Division. The Communicable Disease Coordinator will provide direct advisories to physicians, hospitals, clinics and other health care providers regarding the recommended treatment of communicable diseases.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK (Illustrative Only):** Oversees and coordinates activities to ensure timely completion of communicable disease grant (HIV/STD) deliverables within the prescribed guidelines as mandated by New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; works in collaboration with Epidemiologist to maintain, compile, and report statistical data concerning communicable diseases surveillance throughout the County, including schools, hospitals, state institutions and other County monitored facilities and organizations; acts as a liaison with community agencies for the purpose of advising on communicable diseases including HIV/AIDS, and zoonotic diseases; initiates and maintains programs and services that encourage target populations to seek early primary medical care; reviews daily reportable diseases results, assigns cases to staff per division practices, and ensures closure of cases; provides notification to the Director of Communicable Disease and Preparedness and the Commissioner of Behavioral and Community Health of high priority cases; assists in the development of policies, procedures, and quality improvement to ensure compliance to Public Health Laws and regulations; may at times be the lead role for outbreaks in Communicable Disease.

**SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION:** Written test will cover knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **Educating and interacting with the public** - These questions test for knowledge of techniques used to interact effectively with individuals and/or community groups, to educate or inform them about topics of concern, to publicize or clarify agency programs or policies, to negotiate conflicts or resolve complaints, and to represent one's agency or program in a manner in keeping with good public relations practices. Questions may also cover interacting with others in cooperative efforts of public outreach or service.
2. **Preparing written material** - These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.
3. **Public health issues & practices** - These questions test for knowledge of significant public health problems and strategies for promoting and protecting the public health. Topics may cover such areas as immunization programs, disease vectors, sexually transmitted diseases, disease surveillance, epidemiology, public education, disease reporting and control.
4. **Supervision** - These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.
5. **Understanding and interpreting written material** - These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions **only on what is presented in the passages and not on what you may happen to know about the topic.**

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>

The use of calculators is **RECOMMENDED** for this exam.

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No. 2019-00000038

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IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*  
ISSUED: 12/26/2018

**FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION OR TO APPLY ONLINE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT**  
**[www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov) or [www.co.dutchess.ny.us](http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us)**

When the examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23.2 of the Civil Service Law, the administration of this examination, including rating and review, is governed by the provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

**SENIORITY** shall be computed from the date of original permanent appointment in the classified service.  
One point for each creditable five-year period up to a maximum of five points as follows:

Less than 1 year-----0 points	Over 11 years up to 16 years-----3 points
1 year up to 6 years-----1 point	Over 16 years up to 21 years-----4 points
Over 6 years up to 11 years-----2 points	Over 21 years up to 26 years-----5 points

Transfer from service in other government units within New York State shall be included in computing seniority.

**GENERAL INFORMATION - PROMOTIONS**

The position the promoted individual vacates will only be filled on a temporary basis or contingent permanent basis pending the satisfactory completion of their probationary period. At any time during the probationary period the employee can return to the position that he or she was promoted from.

**RETURNED CHECK FEE:** A \$20.00 fee will be required for all returned checks. Failure to submit the returned check fee will disqualify you from the exam in which you participated.

**FINGERPRINTING:** An appointing authority may require a fingerprint supported background investigation before appointment. The candidate may be responsible for paying any associated fees with this service.

**WEATHER**

In case of inclement weather the morning of the examination, please call the Examinations Hotline at 845-486-2167 and select option 3. You may also listen to the following radio stations for possible delays or other updates:

WEOK/WPDH	WKIP/Q92	WBNR/WSPK	WCZX	WGNY	WRWD/WBWZ
1390AM	1450AM	1260AM	97.7FM	1220AM	107.3FM/93.3FM
101.5FM	92.1FM	104.7FM		103.1FM	

**ALTERNATE TEST DATES** may be arranged upon review of documented circumstances in accordance with established policy. Such arrangements must be made prior to the exam except for emergency situations or active military service.

**RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION:** – If you cannot take the test on the announced test date (most written exams held on Saturdays) due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, indicate this on your application. Documentation will be required. You will be granted an alternate test date, usually during the following week.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION:** If you require an accommodation or special assistance in taking an exam, indicate this on your application. Documentation will be required.

**COLLEGE CREDITS AND/OR DEGREE:** Must have been awarded by a regionally accredited college or university or one recognized by the NYS Education Department as following acceptable educational practices. If your college credits and/or degree were awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of degree and course-by-course (including grades) equivalency. You can contact the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources for a list of acceptable companies who provide this service. You must pay the required evaluation fee. The proof of independent verification of equivalency can be submitted in person, by email to [HRExams@DutchessNY.gov](mailto:HRExams@DutchessNY.gov) or by postal mail to Dutchess County Human Resources, Exams Unit, 22 Market Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

**VETERANS:** Military personnel who are either in the service at time of examination or who have already been discharged may apply for disabled or non-disabled veterans' credits if they meet established criteria. Candidates who are interested in these additional credits should request an application and information sheet from the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources. Veterans' application forms will also be available on the website and upon request at the examination center. The completed forms and DD-214 must be received in the office as soon as possible after the examination date or before the eligible list for this examination is established.

**CALCULATORS:** Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited.

**ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION:** Do not interpret a notice to appear for, or actual participation in the examination to mean that you have been found to meet fully the announced requirements. Depending on the time available before an examination, *applicants may be admitted to the examination on the basis of statements made on the application or conditionally, without prior review of the application. Such statements may not be reviewed and/or verified until after the examination is held.* At that time, those candidates not meeting the requirements are disqualified. Candidates who are subsequently disqualified after taking the test will NOT be notified of their score. **If you do not receive a notice three days prior to the date of examination informing you whether or not you are to be admitted to the examination, call the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources immediately at 845-486-2169.**

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Notify this office immediately of any change of address. The appropriate change of address form is available on the website, in the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources, and will be available at the examination center.

**RESIDENCE PREFERENCE:** Pursuant to Section 23.4a of Civil Service Law, preference in appointment from open-competitive lists may be given to candidates who have been residents in a locality or school district in which appointment is to be made for at least 30 days prior to certification of the eligible list. For appointment in some jurisdictions you may be required to become a resident thereof in accordance with law or resolution.

**MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS:** If you have applied for any other Civil Service examinations for employment with New York State or any other local government jurisdiction, you must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site **no later than two weeks before the test date.** Call 845-486-2169 for further information regarding multiple examinations on the same date.

**NOTE:** In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

**APPLICATIONS:** May be obtained online at [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov), by sending a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope or visiting the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**"HOW TO TAKE A WRITTEN TEST"** and questions and answers about **MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS** publications are available on and can be fully downloaded from the New York State Department of Civil Service website [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm).