



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

Dutchess County Department of Mental Health

Salary: \$76,372

This is a professional position in the Department of Mental Health which involves the delivery of services to individuals with complex behavioral health and addiction related treatment needs. Responsibilities include working with a lens of integrated behavioral health and addiction related, person centered, strengths based, and trauma informed care. Additional tasks may include psychosocial and diagnostic assessment; treatment planning; individual and group therapy; crisis intervention; maintenance of electronic health records; coordination of treatment with other agencies and professionals providing ancillary services; and participation in patient discharge planning. Case assignments and supervision are provided by a higher-level administrator. This position does not supervise other employees but may direct the work of aides, interns, temporary employees and other lower-level employees. DBCH employees may be required to serve on any of the Department's standing or ad hoc committees or on community collaboration committees.

To view a complete list of job duties, click [here](#).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Licensed by the New York State Department of Education as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Master Social Worker, or Licensed Mental Health Counselor, at the time of application.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of a valid Driver License to operate a motor vehicle in New York State at time of application and to maintain the position.

FINGERPRINTING:

A fingerprint supported background investigation is required before an appointment is made to some positions. Pursuant to New York State Executive Law, the Division of Criminal Justice Services requires that a fee accompany each such request for a search. It is due once a job offer is made and accepted by the applicant.

Dutchess County offers a diverse working environment and generous benefits package including 13 paid holidays, paid time off, comprehensive health, dental and vision insurance, and NYS Retirement.

For immediate consideration, apply on or before 10/4/2026

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