



Investigator (District Attorney)
Dutchess County District Attorney's Office
Salary: \$82,461

This is a non-competitive policy influencing position in the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office. This is specialized work in the Office of the District Attorney involving responsibility for investigating crimes, interviewing witnesses, gathering evidence, presenting findings and recommendations and other crime detection duties in connection with criminal proceedings. This position is designated as a Police Officer pursuant to Section 1.20, Subsection 34 of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law. An incumbent in this class may specialize in activities relating to the development and prosecution of certain types of crimes, such as drug-related cases. Work is performed under prescribed practices and procedures in the office, but some leeway is allowed to adapt investigations to the specific needs of a case. Supervision is received from the Chief Investigator (District Attorney). Guidance and direction on a specific case is received from the attorney assigned to the case. Supervision is not a normal function of this position. Evening work and other than normal work schedule can be expected in this position.

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

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND:

- EITHER: (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree and four (4) years of full-time work experience as a sworn member of a local or state law enforcement agency which primarily involved the conduct of all aspects of criminal investigations.
- OR: (B) Eight (8) years of work experience as described in (A) above;
- OR: (C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as described within the limits of (A) and (B) above.

NOTE: College education may be substituted for the required work experience in (B) above on a year-for-year basis (30 credits equal to one year) up to a maximum of three (3) years.

Candidates must show that the qualifying work experience conducting criminal investigations involved the full range of criminal investigative activities and that this experience comprised more than 50% of the normal work week. Additionally, qualifying work experience must have been obtained within ten (10) years immediately preceding the date of application. Experience as a security officer, security guard or private investigator dealing primarily with civil investigations will not qualify.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Candidates must possess certification to serve as a Police Officer as required by section 1.20 (34)(g) of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law. This includes, but is not limited to, certification issued by the New York State Bureau of Municipal Police, graduation from the New York State Police academy, the New York City Police Department academy or any equivalent New York State institution certifying the individual with police powers in New York State.
2. Must maintain certification in the use of firearms to maintain position.
3. 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.

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