

DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION EXAMINATION FOR:

Title: Case Manager II

Number: 70012060

Salary: \$71,640-87,284 – Dutchess County (2024 Salary)

Date of Examination: 06/14/2025

Applications Accepted Until: 05/16/2025

Applications postmarked 05/16/2025 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 are 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.

<u>NOTE</u>: When applying for both open competitive and promotion or open competitive and interdepartmental promotion examinations for the same title, the examination fee will be waived for the promotion or interdepartmental promotion examination only.

<u>VACANCY</u>: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used, when appropriate, to fill vacancies as they occur in all units under the jurisdiction of the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources.

NOTE: An Open Competitive examination is being given in conjunction with this Promotion examination. The Promotion eligible list will be certified FIRST.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NYS CIVIL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS, TO QUALIFY FOR THIS INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION EXAM APPLICANTS MUST BE IN A LOWER SALARY GRADE THAN THE TITLE OF CASE MANAGER II AND MEET THE BELOW QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE:

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION: On or before June 14, 2025, to be eligible for the promotion examination, employees must meet the promotion qualifications listed below:

Candidates must be permanently employed by the County of Dutchess for a period of six (6) months in the competitive class, or in the non-competitive class under NYS Civil Service Law Section 55-a, immediately preceding June 14, 2025, <u>AND</u> must meet the following requirements:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and: EITHER: (A) Master's degree in social work;

OR: (B) Master's degree in a human service field and one (1) year of full-time paid work experience in social casework in a public or private social agency adhering to acceptable standards;

OR: (C) Bachelor's degree and two (2) years of full-time paid work experience in social casework with a public or private social agency adhering to

OR: (D) An equivalent combination of education, training and experience between the limits of (A), (B) and (C) above.

NOTES:

- 1. According to Civil Service Law, section 52.10(a) which became effective September 4, 2024, time served provisionally immediately preceding permanent
- appointment shall count towards meeting the time in title and the employee shall be eligible to take the promotion examination.

 2. Social casework is defined as employment in a position that is responsible for the professional assessment of the needs of clients and the ongoing responsibility for arranging, coordinating, monitoring and advocating for appropriate services to specifically meet those needs. Within the Department of Community and Family Services this would include the job titles of Case Manager I and Social Welfare Specialist.
- 3. Unless otherwise specified, part-time experience will be pro-rated towards meeting the full-time experience requirements.

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.

DUTIES: This is a highly responsible position which involves the conduct of social studies for the purpose of identifying the need for social services and rendering these services to clients. Incumbents in this class may be required to administer specific social service programs in areas such as child protection, adoption, permanency planning, non-secure detention supervision, foster and adoptive home procurement, court liaison management, and in-home health care coordination. Work is performed under the direction of a higher level employee. Supervision may be exercised over subordinate or support staff. Travel in the course of a workday may be required. EXAMPLES OF WORK (Illustrative Only): Interviews applicants for the purpose of identifying specific social needs; reviews existing case records for available information to use in formulating a plan of treatment; develops individual service plans to meet short-term and long-range goals; refers cases to Case Supervisors for assignment to level one Case Managers, recommending services necessary to fulfill individual treatment plans; provides individual and family counseling to adults and children; makes collateral contacts with employers, service providers, and other community resources; works with representative of other agencies in developing and implementing service plans; prepares reports and maintains case files; may serve as an intake worker for a unit or section within a division; may administer a specific program such as home care, court liaison management, day care, nonsecure detention supervision, or home finding, serving as a resource to agency personnel; may write petitions for presentation in court; may be required to appear in court as an expert witness with or without legal support; may be required to perform call-out duties or take telephone requests after working hours; may provide in-service training in a particular field of expertise; may serve as a member of a departmental committee; may supervise level one Case Managers, community service per

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

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.

Principles and practices of social casework

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices used to provide casework services to individuals and/or families of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances. Questions will test for application of this knowledge in various settings and will include such topics as assessment, monitoring and evaluating services, counseling, referrals, and advocacy.

Interviewing

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in obtaining information from individuals through structured conversations. These questions require you to apply the principles, practices, and techniques of effective interviewing to hypothetical interviewing situations. Included are questions that present a problem arising from an interviewing situation, and you must choose the most appropriate course of action to take.

Test guide

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 'General Guide to Written Tests' 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 **ALLOWED** for this exam.

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****IMPORTANT SEE REVERSE IMPORTANT****

ISSUED: 04/28/2025

FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION OR TO APPLY ONLINE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

AT https://dutchess-portal.mycivilservice.com/ or dutchessny.gov/jobs

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.

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

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

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

$\underline{\textbf{GENERAL INFORMATION}} - \underline{\textbf{INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROMOTIONS}}$

On Interdepartmental Promotion eligible lists, preference will be given to employees in the department where the vacancy exists before eligibles employed in other departments are certified. Any current department promotion lists will be certified before an interdepartmental eligible list is certified. 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.

<u>RETURNED CHECK FEE</u>: 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.

<u>FINGERPRINTING</u>: 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.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS: If you are applying for civil service examinations offered by other government jurisdictions (New York State, another county, city, etc.) that are being held on the same date as this examination, you must make arrangements to take all examinations at one test site. Note: If you have applied for both New York State and Dutchess County examinations, you must take all examinations at the State site. You are required to complete and return a <u>Cross-Filer Form</u>, available on the Dutchess County website <u>www.dutchessny.gov</u>, to the Dutchess County Department of Human Resources no less than two (2) weeks prior to the examination date. Failure to provide such information within this time frame may result in disqualification from one or more examinations.

<u>ALTERNATE TEST DATES</u> 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.

<u>RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION</u>: – 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. 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.

<u>WEATHER</u>: 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:

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

<u>COLLEGE CREDITS AND/OR DEGREE</u>: Your degree or college credit must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the internet at http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

<u>VETERANS</u>: 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 (Member 4 Copy) must be received in the office as soon as possible after the examination date or before the eligible list for this examination is established.

<u>CALCULATORS</u>: 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.

<u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS</u>: 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.

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.

<u>APPLICATIONS</u>: May be obtained online at <u>www.dutchessny.gov</u>, 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.