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OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
PROBATION ASSISTANT

Exam Number: 64-325

EXAMINATION DATE: June 24, 2023
LAST DATE TO FILE APPLICATION WITH PROCESSING FEE OR WAIVER*: April 28, 2023

***Processing Fee:** Twenty dollar **($20.00)** non-refundable payment is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required processing fee must accompany your examination application. **Credit cards, checks, or money orders payable to the Broome County Office of Management and Budget will be accepted.** Please be sure to include applicant's name and examination number on your check or money order. A check returned for insufficient funds may disqualify your application and result in further action and/or service charges.

If your application is disapproved, the fee will not be refunded. Compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements specified on this announcement and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. Be specific when completing the application; include all pertinent information including credit hours if applicable. Work experience must be paid unless otherwise specified. Part-time experience will be prorated. ***Only applications which are post-marked on or before the last date to file will be accepted. ALL INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE LAST DATE TO FILE, NO EXCEPTIONS. FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

ADMISSION NOTICES WILL BE MAILED TO ALL APPROVED CANDIDATES APPROXIMATELY 8 DAYS BEFORE THE EXAMINATION. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR NOTICE BY THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE EXAMINATION, PLEASE CALL 778-2222 or 778-2276.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Broome County Department of Personnel of any change in name or address. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved. The candidate change of information form is available at www.gobroomecounty.com/personnel/forms.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application. Fee waiver forms are available at the Broome County Department of Personnel, the Department of Social Services or online at** www.gobroomecounty.com**.**

MINIMUM SALARY	**VACANCIES****	**LOCATION OF WORK**
$18.9623/hour	Anticipated	Broome County Department of Probation

Eligible list: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies, as they occur, in all Broome County departments, towns, villages, school districts, and special districts under the jurisdiction of the Broome County Personnel Officer.

**Vacancies – Positions may be filled temporarily at this time; however, the resulting eligible list must be used to permanently fill the position
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Residency: There are no residency requirements for this examination. However, preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who, at the time of examination, are legal residents of the locality in which appointment is to be made. For appointment within Broome County departments, preference **will** be given to candidates who are residents of Broome County, OR an adjoining county (TIOGA, CORTLAND, DELAWARE AND CHENANGO) at the time of examination except as stated in Resolution 21-253.

DUTIES: Assists probation officers in a local probation agency in various ways, such as gathering information for investigations and reports and helping to supervise persons on probation. Does related work as required.

This is a para-professional position in a probation department. Unlike a Probation Officer, a Probation Assistant is not a Peace Officer pursuant to the New York State Criminal Procedure Law. The incumbent is responsible for assisting probation officers in a local probation agency in tasks which may include performing pre-dispositional/pre-trial related duties such as interviewing and screening individuals arrested and/or otherwise not yet adjudicated/sentenced for suitability for pre-trial release, making recommendations for release, monitoring individuals released into the community whose cases are pending; and notifying courts of case status. An incumbent may also serve as a probation department's point of contact for transfer of records and files with other probation departments, law enforcement agencies or courts. He/she also assists in the control and supervision of probationers by performing tasks such as opening and closing cases; retrieving archived files; delivering documents to law enforcement agencies and the courts; assisting with the collection of financial obligations; and processing intra and interstate transfers. The work is performed under the supervision of a Probation Supervisor or higher level probation professional in accordance with applicable rules/regulations, statutes and/or policies and procedures as directed by a Probation Director or his/her designee. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required. The ratio of probation assistant positions to probation officer positions (including probation officer trainees) shall not be in excess of one to four without written approval of the State Director of Probation**.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the Board of Regents to grant degrees, with an Associate's degree or higher in criminal justice, human services, chemical dependency counseling, business administration, or a closely related field or;

(B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and two (2) years of experience working with the public in a public or private human services agency or a criminal justice or juvenile justice agency or;
(C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B).

Special Requirement: Possession of a current driver's license or otherwise demonstrated ability to meet the transportation requirements of the position.

Note: The class specifications including the minimum qualifications for positions in Probation Departments are established by rule and regulations of the Division of Criminal Justice Services. These class specifications are found in Title 9 NYCRR Part 347, Appendix H-10, Standard Specifications for Professional Probation Positions.
Note: This position is allocated to the competitive class pursuant to the Executive Law Section 257(1).

Anticipated eligibility: If you expect to complete the educational requirement by December 31, 2023**,** you can be admitted to this examination. If successful on the examination, you will not be certified for appointment until you have submitted proof of completion of the requirements to the Broome County Department of Personnel. Proof must be submitted by March 1, 2024; failure to do so will result in removal of your name from the eligible list. You must meet the experience requirement, if any, before the examination date.

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 write the kinds of reports and correspondence required in criminal justice settings such as probation and parole. Some questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately. Others test for the ability to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly.
Evaluating conclusions in light of known facts
These questions will consist of a set of facts and a conclusion. You must decide if the conclusion is proved by the facts, disproved by the facts or if the facts are not sufficient to prove or disprove the conclusion. The questions will not be specific to a particular field.
Applying written information
These questions evaluate a candidate's ability to read, interpret and apply rules, regulations, directives, written narratives and other related material. You will be required to read a set of information and to appropriately apply the information to situations in various settings. All information needed to answer the questions is contained in the rules, regulations, etc. which are cited.

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 online at: https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm

Candidates must bring their picture ID and two sharpened #2 pencils to the examination. **USE OF CALCULATOR IS RECOMMENDED FOR THIS EXAMINATION.** Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited.

Rating: This written examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service, in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this written test.
Applying for civil service examinations in multiple jurisdictions when examinations are scheduled on same date:
If you have **applied** for both a Broome County examination and an examination for another jurisdiction, both of which are scheduled for the same date, you must submit a Broome County Cross-filing Form indicating the site at which you intend to take your examination. The cross-filing form is available in our Department or online at http://gobroomecounty.com/files/personnel/pdfs/Crossfiling.pdf and should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the examinations. Failure to submit the cross-filing form in a timely manner may result in our not being able to accommodate your request to sit at your choice of exam sites. When taking both a State and Broome County examination, you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by the State when and where to report for your examinations.
Religious accommodation/handicapped candidates/military personnel: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.
Military Law provides special rights for members of the armed forces whose military service conflicts with scheduled civil service testing. Section 243-b (2) of Military Law states that "any member of the organized militia or reserves, who, because of active military duty other than for training purposes, missed the application filing period for an examination and as a result is deprived of the opportunity to compete in an examination, shall be given a special military make-up exam". Please contact the Department of Personnel for more information.
Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and BOCES:
Per Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.
Background Investigation: Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.
Children of Firefighters and Police Officers killed in the line of duty: "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 the Department of Personnel 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."
General Information/Instructions: A copy of the general instructions, announcement and applications may be obtained upon request to the Broome County Department of Personnel or from our website at www.gobroomecounty.com.

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