

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
APPLICATION UNIT
1 CENTRE STREET, 14<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

# NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

## REQUIRED INFORMATION

APPLICATION

FOREIGN EDUCATION EVALUATION GUIDE (IF APPLICABLE)

CASEWORKER (NYC Health + Hospitals)
Exam No. 7017
(For The NYC Health + Hospitals Only)

WHEN TO APPLY: From: January 4, 2017 APPLICATION FEE: \$54.00

To: January 24, 2017 If you choose to pay the application fee with a

credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a fee of 2.49% of the payment amount. This fee

is nonrefundable.

**THE TEST DATE:** The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on **Saturday**, **May 13, 2017**.

# YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS NOTICE IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES: Caseworkers (NYC Health + Hospitals) under supervision, with some latitude for independent action and decision-making, provide social services to clients/patients, such as recipients of public assistance, food stamps and/or medical assistance, adults receiving or needing institutional care or protective services, and homeless adults/families; identify, develop and implement social service plans for such individuals; may determine the eligibility for these services; and may perform counseling and investigative activities. All Caseworkers (NYC Health + Hospitals) perform related work.

**Special Working Conditions**: Caseworkers (NYC Health + Hospitals) may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

**THE SALARY**: The current minimum salary is \$38,617 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY: If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, submit an application on the Online Application System (OASys) at <a href="www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs">www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs</a>. Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required information. A unique and valid email address is required to file online. Several internet service providers, including but not limited to Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Outlook.com, and Mail.com offer free email addresses. All new OASys accounts require verification before a candidate can submit an application to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts, but some accounts may require up to 24 hours to be reviewed by a staff member and resolved. Email notification will be sent to those creating accounts that require additional documentation before they can be resolved. Please keep this information and the application period deadline in mind when creating your account. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or a prepaid debit card with a credit card logo which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.

If you are receiving or participating in certain forms of public assistance/benefits/programs, or are a veteran, you may qualify to have the application fee waived. For more information on eligibility for a fee waiver and documentation requirements, visit the Fee Waiver FAQ on the Online Application System at <a href="https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/oasys/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx">https://a856-eeexams.nyc.gov/OLEE/oasys/FAQFeeWaiver.aspx</a>.

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers to apply for this examination online and submit a money order payable to DCAS (Exams) or to submit documentation for a fee waiver.

The centers will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM:

ManhattanBrooklyn2 Lafayette Street210 Joralemon Street17th Floor4th FloorNew York, NY 10007Brooklyn, NY 11201

The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017.

**Special Circumstances Guide:** This guide is located on the DCAS website at ww.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/pdf\_c\_special\_circumstances\_guide.pdf and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers. This guide gives important information about requesting an alternate test date because of religious observance or a special test accommodation for disability, claiming Veteran's or Legacy credit, and notifying DCAS of a change in your mailing address. Follow all instructions on the Special Circumstances Guide that pertain to you when you complete your "Application for Examination."

**HOW TO QUALIFY**: You may be given the test before we verify your qualifications. You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the qualification requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are marked "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

#### **Education Requirement:** By the date of appointment you must have:

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. The college or university must be accredited by regional, national, professional, or specialized agencies recognized as accrediting bodies by the U.S. Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

**Medical Requirement**: In accordance with applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations, NYC Health + Hospitals has established medical standards for this position. Accordingly, all eligibles will be required to undergo and pass a medical examination prior to the date of appointment to ensure that those medical standards have been met. Additionally, eligibles must pass a drug screening test prior to the date of appointment.

**Additional Information:** Section 424-a of the New York State Social Services Law requires an authorized agency to inquire whether a candidate selected for employment with child-care responsibilities is or has been the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report on file with the State Central Register for child abuse and maltreatment. State Central Register screening will be conducted prior to considering a candidate for employment as a Caseworker. Candidates who have been the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report will not be assigned to any position which requires child-care responsibilities. Employees who have been the subject of such a report may be reassigned or terminated from employment from their positions as Caseworker.

**Residency**: City residency is not required for this position.

**English Requirement**: You must be able to understand and be understood in English.

**Proof of Identity**: Under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, you must be able to prove your identity and your right to obtain employment in the United States prior to employment with NYC Health + Hospitals.

The Protection of People with Special Needs Act: Article 20 of the NYS Executive Law and Article 11 of the NYS Social Services Law require an authorized agency to inquire whether a candidate selected for employment to a position with the potential for regular and substantial contact with vulnerable persons with special needs has been found responsible for serious or repeated acts of abuse and neglect through a check of the Staff Exclusion List maintained by the NYS Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs. Candidates who have substantiated/indicated cases on file with the Staff Exclusion List will not be hired or assigned to such a position.

## **REQUIRED INFORMATION:**

- **1. Application for Examination**: Follow the online instructions, including those relating to the payment of fee and, if applicable, those found in the Special Circumstances Guide.
- 2. Foreign Education Fact Sheet (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the education and experience requirements): If you were educated outside of the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. The services that are approved to make this evaluations are listed on the Foreign Education Fact Sheet included with your application packet. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for a "document-by-document" (general) evaluation of your foreign education. You must have one of these services submit its evaluation of your foreign education directly to the Department of Citywide Administrative Services no later than eight weeks from the last date for applying for this examination.

**THE TEST**: The multiple-choice test may be given at a computer terminal or in paper and pencil format. You will be informed of the format on your Admission Notice. Your score on this test will be used to determine your place on an eligible list. You must achieve a score of at least 70% to pass the test.

The multiple-choice test is designed to assess the extent to which candidates have certain abilities determined to be important to the performance of the tasks of a Caseworker (NYC Health + Hospitals). Task Areas to be tested are as follows: case management; assessments and client interaction; referrals and follow-up services.

The test may include questions requiring the use of any of the following abilities:

**Written Expression:** using English words or sentences in writing so that others will understand. Example: A Caseworker (NYC Health + Hospitals) may use this ability when writing case notes to update the electronic case manager system.

**Memorization:** remembering information, such as words or sentences, numbers, pictures and procedures. Pieces of information can be remembered by themselves or with other pieces of information. Example: A Caseworker (NYC Health + Hospitals) may use this ability when remembering hospital procedures regarding patient care.

**Problem Sensitivity:** determining when something is wrong or likely to go wrong. It includes being able to identify the whole problem, as well as elements of the problems. Example: A Caseworker (NYC Health + Hospitals) may use this ability when assessing risks of whether a patient will successfully follow through with services

**Deductive Reasoning:** applying general rules to specific problems to come up with logical answers. Example: A Caseworker (NYC Health + Hospitals) may use this ability when assessing whether a patient is eligible for certain services based on eligibility requirements.

**Inductive Reasoning:** combining separate pieces of information or specific answers to problems to form general rules or conclusions; to think of possible reasons for why things go together. Example: A Caseworker (NYC Health + Hospitals) may use this ability to make an appropriate referral based on patient observations. If a patient is having trouble walking, a Caseworker (NYC Health + Hospitals) might make a referral for physical rehabilitation

**Information Ordering:** following correctly a rule or set of rules or actions in a certain order. The rule or set of rules used must be given. The things or actions to be put in order can include numbers, letters, words, pictures, procedures, sentences and mathematical or logical operations. Example: A Caseworker (NYC Health + Hospitals) may use this ability when following the steps to plan a patient discharge from the hospital.

<u>Warning</u>: You are not permitted to enter the test site with cellular phones, beepers, pagers, cameras, portable media players, or other electronic devices. Calculators are **not** permitted. Electronic devices with an alphabetic keyboard or with word processing or data recording capabilities such as planners, organizers, etc. are prohibited. If you use any of these devices in the building at any time before, during, or after the test, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

You may not have any other person, including children, present with you while you are being processed for or taking the test, and no one may wait for you inside of the test site while you are taking the test.

Required Identification: You are required to bring one (1) form of valid (non-expired) signature and photo bearing identification to the test site. The name that was used to apply for the exam must match the first and last name on the photo ID. A list of acceptable identification documents is provided below. If you do not have an acceptable ID, you may be denied testing. Acceptable forms of identification (bring one) are as follows: State issued driver's license, State issued identification card, US Government issued Passport, US Government issued Military Identification Card, US Government issued Alien Registration Card, Employer ID with photo, or Student ID with photo.

<u>Leaving</u>: You must leave the test site once you finish the test. If you leave the test site after being fingerprinted but before finishing the test, you will not be permitted to re-enter. If you disregard this instruction and re-enter the test site, you may not receive your test results, your test score may be nullified, and your application fee will not be refunded.

- **ADMISSION NOTICE**: You should receive an Admission Notice in the mail about 10 days before the date of the test. If you do not receive an admission notice at least 4 days before the test date, you must go to Administration, Customer and Exam Support, 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Manhattan, to obtain a duplicate notice. Test Site Assignments will take your address into consideration, but proximity cannot be guaranteed.
- **THE TEST RESULTS**: If you meet the education requirement and pass the multiple-choice test, your name will be placed in final score order on an NYC Health + Hospitals eligible list and you will be given a list number. You will be notified by mail of your test results. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment when your name is reached on the eligible list.
- CHANGE OF MAILING AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS: It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address and/or email address. You may miss important information about your exam(s) or consideration for appointment, including important information that may require a response by a specified deadline, if we do not have your correct mailing and/or email address. Change of mailing and/or email address requests submitted to any place other than DCAS, such as your Agency or to the United States Postal Service will NOT update your records with DCAS. To update your mailing and/or email address with DCAS, you must submit a change request by mail or in person. Your request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), old mailing and/or email address, and your new mailing and/or email address. Your request can be mailed to DCAS Records Room, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007 or brought in person to the same address Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Selective Certification for Foreign Language and/or American Sign Language: If you can speak a foreign language and/or you know American Sign Language, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring this ability through a process called Selective Certification. If you pass a qualifying test, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this ability. Follow the instructions given to you on the day of the multiple-choice test to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification. This requirement may be met at any time during the duration of the list. If you meet the Selective Certification requirement at **some future date**, please submit a request by mail to: DCAS Bureau of Examinations - Exam Development Group, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Please include the examination title and number, your social security number, and the specific foreign language(s) on your correspondence.

**Reemployment of public service retirees**: NYC Health + Hospitals has promulgated rules regarding the reemployment of persons who have already retired from public service. Any such retired person is advised to consult with NYC Health + Hospitals, Human Resources Management, Office of Certification and Examinations at (212) 788-3568 to determine whether he or she would be eligible for appointment from an eligible list established for this examination.

**List Termination**: The eligible list resulting from this examination will be terminated one year from the date it is established, unless extended by NYC Health + Hospitals.

# **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

**Make-up Test**: You may apply for a make-up test if you cannot take the test on the regular test date(s) for any of the following reasons:

- (1) compulsory attendance before a public body;
- on-the-job injury or illness caused by municipal employment where you are an officer or employee of the City;
- (3) absence from the test within one week after the death of a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child or child of a domestic partner where you are an officer or employee of the City;
- (4) absence due to ordered military duty;
- (5) a clear error for which the Department of Citywide Administrative Services or the examining agency is responsible; or
- (6) a temporary disability, pregnancy-related, or child-birth-related condition preventing you from taking the test.

To request a make-up test, contact Administration, Customer and Exam Support in person or by mail at 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10007, as soon as possible and provide documentation of the special circumstances that caused you to miss your test.

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION**: Any intentional misrepresentation on the application or examination may result in disqualification, even after appointment, and may result in criminal prosecution.

The General Examination Regulations of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services apply to this examination and are part of this Notice of Examination. They are posted and copies are available at nyc.gov/dcas and at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers.

NYC Health + Hospitals is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Title Code No. 523040; Plan of Titles for NYC Health + Hospitals