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## NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISER**  
Exam No. 5116

**WHEN TO APPLY: From: October 9, 2024**

**To: October 29, 2024**

**APPLICATION FEE: \$61.00**

If you choose to pay the application fee with a credit/debit/gift card, you will be charged a service fee of 2.00% of the payment amount. This service fee is nonrefundable.

**CANDIDATES WHO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE A VETERAN, UNEMPLOYED, RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, OR SUPPLEMENTARY SECURITY INCOME, ARE ENTITLED TO A WAIVER OF THE APPLICATION FEE.**

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS ENTIRE NOTICE BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.**

### WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:

Public Health Advisers, under supervision, with some latitude for independent judgement, initiative and unreviewed action and decision, apply disease control and/or health promotion principles and methods, including interviewing, investigation, case management, and referrals; enter and review epidemiological data; and conduct health risk assessments of varying degrees of difficulty in a program of communicable/preventable and environmental disease control, family health and maternity services, ranging from basic case management to assisting supervisory personnel in the planning, organizing and conducting of disease control efforts in these areas, all in accordance with Federal, State, and City guidelines. All Public Health Advisers perform related work.

### Special Working Conditions:

Some of the physical activities performed by Public Health Advisers and environmental conditions experienced are: traveling to all areas of the City by public transportation, car and/or by foot; visiting clinics, hospitals, doctors, nurses, laboratories, schools, correctional facilities, work sites, and homes of communicable disease clients and their contacts; walking up as many as six flights of stairs; carrying equipment and supplies weighing up to 13 pounds from vehicles to the site and back; in accordance with infection control guidelines, handling bodily fluids such as blood and sputum, and wearing protective garments such as surgical gloves and masks.

(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 \$42,721 per annum. This rate is subject to change. There are two assignment levels within this class of positions. Appointments will generally be made to Assignment Level I. After appointment, employees may be assigned to the higher assignment level at the discretion of the agency.

### HOW TO QUALIFY:

You are responsible for determining whether or not you meet the education and experience requirements for this examination prior to submitting your application. If you are found "Not Qualified," your application fee will not be refunded and you will not receive a score.

As per Section 54(2) of the Civil Service Law, the education requirement needed to qualify must be met by October 29, 2025. The experience requirement needed to qualify must be met by the last day of the Application Period (October 29, 2024).

### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, including or supplemented by twelve semester credits in health education or in health, social or biological sciences; **or**
2. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, **and** six months of full-time satisfactory experience in a health promotion or disease intervention/prevention program, performing one or more of the following: interviewing, conducting community investigations,

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- assessing health risks, making referrals, or collecting and analyzing epidemiological data; **or**
3. A four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization **and** four years of full-time satisfactory experience as described in "2" above; **or**
  4. Education and/or experience equivalent to "1", "2" or "3" above. Undergraduate college credit can be substituted for experience on the basis of 30 semester credits from an accredited college or university for one year of full-time experience. However, all candidates must have a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent **and** either twelve semester credits as described in "1" above or six months of experience as described in "2" above.

The high school diploma or its educational equivalent must be approved by a State's Department of Education or a recognized accrediting organization. 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).

If you were educated outside the United States, you must have your foreign education evaluated to determine its equivalence to education obtained in the United States. This is required only if you need credit for your foreign education in this examination. For more information see the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide in the Required Information section.

During the Education and Experience Exam (EEE), you may answer questions about your experience. If your experience was on a part-time basis working less than 35 hours per week, you will need to convert your part-time experience to full-time experience using the formula below. Once you have determined your full-time experience equivalent, use this amount to answer questions about your experience.

$(\text{number of hours worked per week}/35) \times (\text{number of months worked})$

For example, if you worked at a job for 21 hours per week for 12 months, you would make the following calculation:  $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2$  months.

**You have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (October 29, 2024) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience and Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in the Online Application System (OASys). Once you Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys, you will not be permitted to submit new or additional information on your Education and Experience Exam online.**

**If you do not Final Submit your Education and Experience Exam in OASys by midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (October 29, 2024), your examination will be considered incomplete, you will not receive a score, you will not be invited to subsequent portions of this examination (if applicable), and your application fee will not be refunded.**

**Medical Requirement:** Medical guidelines have been established for the position of Public Health Adviser. Candidates will be examined to determine whether they can perform the essential functions of the position of Public Health Adviser. Where appropriate, a reasonable accommodation will be provided for a person with a disability to enable him or her to take the examination, and/or to perform the essential functions of the job.

**Drug Screening Requirement:** You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

**Residency Requirement Advisory:**

Under New York City Administrative Code Section 12-120, you might need to be a resident of the City of New York within 90 days of the date you are appointed to this position. Since residency requirements vary by title, appointing agency and length of service, consult the appointing agency's personnel office at the time of the appointment interview to find out if City residency is required.

**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 an agency under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

If you believe you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, apply using the Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs). Follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application, payment, and completing any required information. A unique and valid email address is required to apply 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 apply to ensure the accuracy of candidate information. Verification is instantaneous for most accounts and you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to activate your account. For any account creation issues, you will receive onscreen prompts to contact DCAS. This review may require up to two (2) business days to be reviewed and 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: <https://a856-exams.nyc.gov/OASysWeb/faqs>. **Effective January 2020, the Online Application System is no longer supported on Windows 7 or earlier versions of Windows operating systems.**

You may come to the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers to apply for this examination online.

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

**Manhattan**

2 Lafayette Street  
17th Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**Brooklyn**

210 Joralemon Street  
4th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Queens**

118-35 Queens Boulevard  
5th Floor  
Forest Hills, NY 11375

**Staten Island**

135 Canal Street  
3rd Floor  
Staten Island, NY 10304

**Bronx**

1932 Arthur Avenue  
2nd Floor  
Bronx, NY 10457

**The DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2024.**

You must complete the entire application by midnight, Eastern Time, of the last day of the application period. If you have questions about applying for this examination, you may contact DCAS at [OASys@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:OASys@dcas.nyc.gov).

**Special Circumstances Guide:** This guide is located on the DCAS website at [https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf\\_c\\_special\\_circumstances\\_guide.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/pdf_c_special_circumstances_guide.pdf) and available at the DCAS Computer-based Testing & Application Centers. This guide gives important information about claiming Veterans' 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."

**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. **Education and Experience Exam:** Fill out all the required sections displayed onscreen (if applicable). You will have until midnight Eastern time on the last day of the Application Period (October 29, 2024) to clearly specify in detail all of your relevant education and experience on your Education and Experience Exam and submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).

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3. **Foreign Education Evaluation Guide (Required only if you need credit for your foreign education to meet the education and experience requirements):** If you were educated outside 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 evaluation are listed on the Foreign Education Evaluation Guide which is located on the DCAS website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/foreigneducation.pdf>. When you contact the evaluation service, ask for the evaluation as follows:
  - a. If you wish to claim a baccalaureate degree or a high school diploma for the education requirements only, ask for a **"document-by-document"** (general) evaluation.
  - b. If you wish to claim credit for 12 semester college credits in health education or in health, social or biological sciences as specified in paragraph "1" of the "How to Qualify" section above, ask for a **"course-by-course"** evaluation (which includes a "document-by-document" evaluation).

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 day of the Application Period (October 29, 2024).

**THE TEST:**

Your score will be determined by an Education and Experience Exam. You will receive a score of 70 points for meeting the education and experience requirements listed above. After these requirements are met, you will receive additional credit up to a maximum of 100 points on the following basis:

**Experience must be obtained by the last day of the Application Period (October 29, 2024).**

<b>If you have full-time satisfactory professional experience in a health promotion or disease intervention/prevention program performing one or more of the following: interviewing or screening patients, conducting field investigations, assessing health risks, making referrals, or consulting with medical professionals or case managers regarding client cases or records for:</b>	<b>You will receive up to:</b>
At least 1 year but less than 2 years	6 points
At least 2 years but less than 3 years	12 points
At least 3 years but less than 4 years	18 points
At least 4 years but less than 5 years	24 points
5 or more years	30 points

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$(\text{number of hours worked per week}/35) \times (\text{number of months worked})$

For example, if you worked at a job for 21 hours per week for 12 months, you would make the following calculation:  $21/35 \times 12 = 7.2$  months.

**Experience used to meet the minimum requirements cannot be used to gain additional credit.**

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#### **CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

It is critical that you promptly notify DCAS of any change to your mailing address, email address and/or phone number. If we do not have your correct mailing address, email address and/or phone number, you will not receive information about your exam(s), consideration for appointment and/or important information that may require a response by a specified deadline. If you need to update your Mailing Address, Email Address, and/or Telephone Number, read below:

- City Employees - update this information in NYCAPS Employee Self-Service (ESS) at [www.nyc.gov/ess](http://www.nyc.gov/ess)
- All Others - update this information on your Profile page in the Online Application System (OASys) by logging into your OASys account and navigating to your Dashboard, then your Profile tab at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs)
- Submit a written request by email at [OASys@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:OASys@dcas.nyc.gov), by fax (646) 500-7190, or by regular mail: DCAS, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Your written request must include your full name, social security number, exam title(s), exam number(s), previous mailing and/or email address, and your new mailing and/or email address, and/or new telephone number.

#### **CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:**

Use the Data Correction Form and follow all instructions for changing your name and/or social security number with DCAS. The following link will provide you with the DCAS Data Correction Form: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/employment/dp148a.pdf>.

#### **THE TEST RESULTS:**

If you pass the Education and Experience Exam, your name will be placed in final score order on an eligible list, you will be given a list number, and you will be notified by email of your test results. The eligible list determines the order by which candidates will be considered for appointment. If you meet all requirements and conditions, you will be considered for appointment if your name is reached on the eligible list. Once a list has been established, it will typically remain active for four years. To learn more about the civil service system go to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/civil-service-system.page>.

If you believe that your test part was rated incorrectly, you may submit an appeal of your score to DCAS, Committee on Manifest Errors, through the Online Application System (OASys). Your appeal must give specific reasons why your score should be higher. Your appeal may result in a higher or lower rating.

To access the appeal portal of OASys, please log into your OASys account at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and use the following steps:

1. Navigate to the Dashboard for the Appeals tab.
2. Click the NEW APPEAL button to create and submit your appeal.
3. Select the exam from the Exam drop-down list, and
4. Select the exam part from the Exam Part drop-down list.
5. Select the reason for your appeal from the Appeal Reason drop-down list (if applicable).
6. Enter the details of your appeal by providing specific reasons why your score should be higher.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Selective Certification for Foreign Language and/or American Sign Language:** If you can speak If you can speak Albanian (**ALB**), Arabic (**ARA**), Bengali (**BEN**), Bosnian/Serbo-Croatian (**SRC**), Chinese/Cantonese (**CAN**), Chinese/Mandarin (**MAN**), French (**FRE**), German (**GER**), Greek (**GRE**), Haitian/Creole (**CRE**), Hindi (**HIN**), Italian (**ITA**), Japanese (**JPN**), Korean (**KOR**), Polish (**POL**), Portuguese (**POR**), Russian (**RUS**), Spanish (**SPA**), Tibetan (**TIB**), Urdu (**URD**), Vietnamese (**VIE**), West African Languages (e.g., Ibo, Swahili, Yoruba) (**WAL**), Yiddish (**YDD**) and/or you know American Sign Language (**ASL**), 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. If you wish to apply for this Selective Certification, follow the onscreen instructions when completing the Education and Experience Exam to indicate your interest in such Selective Certification and Final Submit it in the Online Application System (OASys).

**Selective Certification for Certification and/or Special Experience:**

If you have the certification and/or experience listed in one or more of the areas listed below, you may be considered for appointment to positions requiring a certification and/or experience through a process called Selective Certification. If you qualify for Selective Certification, you may be given preferred consideration for positions requiring this certification and/or experience. **Your certification(s) and/or experience will be checked by the appointing agency at the time of appointment.**

**Selective Certification for Experience in Health Promotion – Infant Mortality (IFM):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory full-time experience conducting virtual or in-person screenings to assess and ensure a safe home environment for infants and children up to 5 years of age, including assessments of window guards, fire safety hazards, risk of accidental poisoning, and safe sleep to prevent accidental infant death.

**Selective Certification for Experience in Reviewing Medical Records (MEH):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory full-time experience reviewing medical or other health records.

**Selective Certification for Municipal Government Experience (MGE):** At least one (1) year of satisfactory full-time experience working within a municipal government in a similar position, which provides services for a city with over 1 million in population.

**Selective Certification for Mental Health First Aid Certification (MHF):** A current Mental Health First Aid USA certificate of training to provide initial help to people experiencing mental health problems such as depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis and substance use disorders.

**Selective Certification for Experience in Maternity Services – Maternal Morbidity (MMM):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory full-time experience conducting virtual or in-person screenings for gestational or chronic disease such as hypertension and diabetes.

**Selective Certification for Experience in Maternity Services – Mental Health (MSH):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory full-time experience conducting virtual or in-person screenings for perinatal mood disorder, postpartum mental health disorder, or generalized anxiety disorder.

**Selective Certification for Needs Assessment and Survey Experience (NAS):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory full-time experience conducting surveys to identify public health needs, problems and available resources.

**Selective Certification for Positions Requiring Health Program Management Experience (PHP):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory full-time supervisory experience in health program management within an educational, health or mental health care setting or institution.

**Selective Certification for Experience in Patient Interviewing and Contact Tracing/Partner Notification (PICT) (PIC):** At least two (2) years of satisfactory full-time experience performing patient interviewing and contact tracing work.

**The above Selective Certification requirements may be met at anytime during the duration of the list.** If you meet this requirement at some future date, please submit a request by email to: [LMACustomerService@dcas.nyc.gov](mailto:LMACustomerService@dcas.nyc.gov), or 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 full name, OASys Profile ID number, and the selective certification(s) you are requesting in your correspondence.

**Application Receipt:**

You will be emailed a receipt immediately after you have applied for the examination. If you do not receive this receipt, check "Junk", "Trash", or "Spam" folders for the primary email linked to your Online Application System (OASys) account. If you are unable to locate the email, you can view a summary of the notification email to you on your OASys Dashboard, then Notifications. If you are still unable to find the email, please email DCAS via the Contact feature available in OASys with a description of the issue and include the exam number and your profile number located on your Profile page. While on your Profile page, check that the email addresses you provided are correct and/or updated.

**Promotion Test:** A promotion examination for this title is being held for eligible employees. The names appearing on the promotion list will be considered first in filling vacancies. If you would like to apply for the Promotion to Public Health Adviser Exam, you must submit a separate application and fee for Exam No. 5541 from October 9, 2024 through October 29, 2024.

**PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION:**

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

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

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For information about other exams, and your exam or list status, call 212-669-1357.  
Internet: [nyc.gov/dcas](http://nyc.gov/dcas)