

Disability Review Psychologist (NY HELPS)

Announcement Posted:

11/06/2024

Responses must be hand delivered or postmarked by:

11/23/2024

Salary:

\$137,875

Plus Location Pay (NYC only): \$3,400**Location:**

Division of Disability Determinations:

Albany Processing Center
One Commerce Plaza
Albany, NY 12210

Buffalo Processing Center
295 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

Binghamton Processing Center
2001 Perimeter Road East
Endicott, NY 13760

New York City Processing Center
25 Beaver Street
New York City, NY 10004

Grade:

25

of Positions:

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Candidates Must Meet the Following Qualifications:

NY HELPS: This title is part of the New York Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide program (NY HELPS). For the duration of the NY HELPS Program, candidates may be hired via a non-competitive appointment if they meet the below NY HELPS minimum qualifications.

At a future date (within one year of permanent appointment), it is expected employees hired under NY HELPS will have their non-competitive employment status converted to competitive status, without

having to compete in an examination. Employees will then be afforded all of the same rights and privileges of competitive class employees of New York State. While serving permanently in a NY HELPS title, employees may take part in any promotion examination for which they are qualified.

NON-COMPETITIVE QUALIFICATIONS:

Eligible candidates must possess a doctoral degree in Psychology and be licensed and currently registered to practice Psychology in New York State.

COMPETITIVE QUALIFICATIONS:

Eligible for a lateral transfer or eligible for transfer under Section 70.1 of the Civil Service Law by having one year of permanent competitive service in an appropriate title. Information regarding transfer eligibility is available on the Civil Service Career Mobility Office website at

<https://careermobilityoffice.cs.ny.gov/cmo/gotit/>.

OR

Reachable on the appropriate eligible list in Albany, Endicott, Buffalo or New York City.

Notes

1. Information regarding New York State licensure may be obtained from the State Board for Psychology by contacting the New York State Education Department Office of the Professions, Division of Professional Licensing Services, Psychology Unit, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234-1000; or by calling (518) 474 3817, Ext. 592; or e-mail at opunit5@mail.nysed.gov.
2. In order to be eligible for appointment and to maintain employment, you cannot be listed as an excluded individual or entity on any of the Federal and/or State Medicaid and Medicare exclusion lists (or excluded from any other Federal or Federally assisted program). If you are appointed and subsequently listed as an excluded individual or entity on any of these lists (or excluded from any other federal or federally assisted program), you may be terminated from your employment.
3. New York State residence is not required.

Duties of Position:

The Disability Review Psychologist would participate as a member of a disability adjudication team, in the granting or disapproval of disability claims under the Social Security law.

The duties of these positions will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Evaluate medical and psychological information provided in support of Social Security disability claims. Interprets psychiatric and psychological tests and reports, applying Social Security Administration standards to ensure accurate and uniform documentation and determinations.
- Evaluate complex psychological or psychiatric issues using professional expertise and program guidelines to ensure an appropriate resolution or to prepare a well-developed policy referral.
- Provide advice and consultation to the Division of Disability Determinations staff in the interpretation of medical and psychological information and in the pursuit of further

information needed to apply the federal regulations and guidelines.

- Provide advice and consultation to Disability Analysts in determining the needs for consultative examinations and recommend alternate approaches to obtaining required evidence if it appears such examinations are unnecessary.
- Obtain additional documentation or clarifying information by specialist-to-specialist phone contacts with previously contacted or newly identified treatment sources (or other third-party sources)
- Provide training to staff in the evaluation and interpretation of medical reports, data, and examination results.
- Working with the Division's Medical Relations Office, assist in developing and improving relations with the medical community to improve the flow of needed supportive medical documentation and to minimize case processing time.

Conditions of Employment:

Full-time permanent appointments will be made. If certified by Civil Service, mandatory reemployment list candidates must be considered first for appointment to this title. Candidates must be legally authorized to work in the United States.

Please be advised that all hires or transfers to OTDA's Division of Disability Determinations must submit to mandatory fingerprinting and an associated FBI background investigation by the Social Security Administration under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12. Not all prior arrests and/or convictions will prohibit appointment. Information is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Your resume must indicate how you meet the minimum qualifications for these positions. Non-specific submissions may be disqualified from further consideration if the information you provide does not meet the minimum qualifications.

Telecommuting up to 50% may be available in accordance with The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance policy and can be discussed during the interview.

Additional Comments:

The posted salary includes a \$20,000 Geographic Differential added to the hiring rate of \$117,875.

Remarks:

- **Candidates should reference posting 24-267 when submitting your application.**
- **If submitting electronically, please reference posting 24-267 as part of your subject line.**
- **If you are interested in applying to this position, please visit [how to apply](#) for applicant instructions.**

NYS OTDA seeks to promote a diverse workforce that is a representation of the various cultures, voices, backgrounds, ideas, and talents of the citizens and communities that we serve. We actively solicit and encourage applications from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color ("BIPOC");

LGBTQIA+ individuals; women; people with disabilities; and military veterans.