



Department of Human Resources & Civil Service

Promotional Exam Announcement

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P-78687

Probation Officer/Probation Officer Trainee

Application Fee:	None
Examination Date:	June 4, 2011
Application Deadline:	April 10, 2011 – Applications must be submitted online or filed in our office by 5PM or postmarked by this date
Who May Apply:	Qualified employees of the Monroe County Department of Public Safety
Salary:	\$33,272 - \$42,801 annually
Employment Opportunities:	The results of this exam may be used to fill vacancies, which may occur during the life of the eligible list.

An open-competitive exam is also being offered for qualified applicants.

Minimum Qualifications:

Candidates must be permanently employed in the competitive class in the **Monroe County Department of Public Safety** and must have served continuously on a permanent basis for **twelve (12) months** holding the position of **Probation Assistant** and ***must have met the following minimum qualifications of a Probation Officer Trainee** immediately preceding the date of the written test.

*** Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State college or university with a Bachelor's degree, including a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours in the social or behavioral sciences.**

Any person, otherwise meeting the requirements for an examination, who was laid off from an agency for which the examination is being held, and whose name is presently on a preferred list is eligible to compete in the examination. When completing the application, such person should be sure to indicate his/her present employment and/or the title and location of his/her last permanent employment in the municipality.

Additional Employment Information:

Applicants may be required to pass a medical examination to determine fitness to perform job duties prior to appointment.

Description of Duties:

This is a trainee level Probation Officer position for college graduates with a career interest in probation. Trainees receive on-the-job training while performing duties of a limited professional nature under close and continuing supervision. Trainee appointments are for a period of two (2) years, following which incumbents receiving satisfactory ratings will be advanced to the title of Probation Officer without further examination.

Scope of Examination

A multiple-choice written test will cover knowledge, skills and /or abilities in such areas as:

1. Establishing and maintaining working relationships with defendants/respondents and probationers

Questions present descriptions of situations typically encountered in working with clients in such areas as obtaining information from clients and exploring clients' social, psychological or legal problems. Candidates will be required to

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choose the best analysis of, solution to, or approach for handling the problem described. In addition, some questions may test for understanding of correct reasons, arguments or factors regarding typical concepts encountered in working with clients.

2. 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.

Calculators and Reference Materials:

Most civil service written tests do not require the use of a calculator or slide rule. However, the use of calculators is **ALLOWED** for this exam. Candidates have the option of bringing a hand-held, quiet, battery or solar-powered arithmetic calculator or a slide rule to the test room. Candidates will not be permitted to use calculators containing spell check, dictionary, language translator, address or telephone book, personal digital assistants, or typewriter keyboard features, or any similar devices. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

This written examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

A **“Guide to Taking the Written Test for the Probation Officer/ Probation Officer Trainee Series”** is available at the Monroe County Civil Service Office in Room 210, County Office Building, 39 West Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614. The guide is also available on the Monroe County Web Site listed at the bottom of this page or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address. This guide contains sample test questions similar to the question that will be used in this written test.

----- **BASIC CIVIL SERVICE INFORMATION** -----

Applications:

If you are applying for more than one exam, a separate application is required for each exam. Applications may be obtained at the address or web-site indicated at the bottom of the first page of this announcement.

Candidates must record the Exam Number and Title on the Application.

Seniority:

Seniority points will be added to the score of every passing candidate at the rate of one (1) point for each appropriate five (5) year period for each year of continuous permanent service calculated to the date of original entry in the permanent classified service in accordance with the following schedule.

Less than 1 year	0 Points
1 year up to 6 years	1 Point
Over 6 years up to 11 years	2 Points
Over 11 years up to 16 years	3 Points
Over 16 years up to 21 years	4 Points
Over 21 years up to 26 years	5 Points

Seniority points will be calculated at the time of examination.

Certifications and Appointments:

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be established in accordance with the final earned numerical rating of passing candidates regardless of residence.

Veteran's Credits:

Veterans entitled to and wishing to claim additional points must file in the Monroe County Department of Human Resources an Application for Veteran's Credits (VC-1) form, and a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Disabled veterans must also file two (2) copies of an Authorization for Veteran's Disability Record (VC-4) with Veterans Affairs. These forms are available at the Monroe County Department of Human Resources and must be filed within thirty (30) days of the examination date. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

Candidates currently on active duty may apply within thirty (30) days of the examination. Upon discharge, candidates must submit a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Any extra points will be applied upon our receipt of the discharge papers.

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Active Military Members:

Special testing arrangements may be available to applicants who are active military members. For further information contact the Monroe County Department of Human Resources before submitting an application.

Special Arrangements for Examination:

If you need an alternate test date because you are a Religious Observer [for religious reasons, cannot be tested on date of examination(s)], if you have a disability that requires special accommodations for you to participate in an examination, or if you require any other kind of special accommodations, you must notify us at the address or telephone numbers listed on the front page of this announcement by the application deadline. Indicate your request on the front of your application for each exam, and under separate cover submit a statement outlining the reason for your request, the exam number(s) and title(s), and attach supporting documentation.

Multiple Exam Takers:

Persons also applying for examinations offered by the City of Rochester and/or New York State Civil Service Commission held on the same date must complete a crossfiler form, available from the Monroe County Department of Human Resources, which will provide for special arrangements. Arrangements must be made to take **ALL** examinations at **ONE** test site. Unless this form is filed with the Monroe County Department of Human Resources three (3) weeks prior to the exam date, we cannot ensure that such arrangements will be made. **If you are taking multiple exams on the same date with Monroe County Civil Service Commission only, you do not have to file a cross-filer form.**

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in different exam series will be allowed the specified length of time for each exam, up to a maximum of eight (8) hours. Example: If you are taking one (1) exam which allows six (6) hours and another exam in a different series which allows four (4) hours, you must complete both tests in eight (8) hours, but you can spend no more time on each exam than the time allotted for that exam.

Admission to Examination:

All applications will be reviewed after the "Closing Date for Filing" listed on the front page of this announcement. If there is a problem with your application, you will be notified in writing and given an opportunity to submit additional information to support your application. If there are no problems with your application, you will be sent an admission notice approximately one week before the exam date. If you have not received your admission notice to appear for the examination **three days** before the date of the exam, call the Monroe County Department of Human Resources at (585) 753-1700.

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