Examination No. and Title                                                                  Salary             Processing Fee
#60876 PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR     $23.1307/HOUR   $20.00

This examination is being held to establish an eligible list in the above title for the Department of Health. At present, one (1) vacancy exists.

A $20.00 non-refundable application processing fee is required. Check or money order payable to the Commissioner of Finance must accompany application. A $20.00 service charge will be imposed for checks returned for insufficient funds or like reasons. Please refer to the General Information section on the reverse of this page for information regarding eligibility for waiver of application processing fees.

Applications received without the required fee will be returned to you unprocessed. If you wish to re-file, your application and the appropriate fees must be postmarked no later than the last filing date noted above.

Please compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only if you are clearly qualified. Application processing fees are non-refundable. If you are disqualified from or fail to appear for the examination, your fee will not be refunded.

Minimum Qualifications Required for Admission to the Exam - Your application must clearly indicate possession of the following requirements as of the last filing date noted above:

(A) A Master’s Degree in Public Health or Health Education; OR

(B) A Bachelor’s Degree in Health Education, Health Science, Public Health, Health Promotion, Community Health or Health Communications; OR.

(C) A Bachelor’s Degree in Education, Nursing, Epidemiology, Wellness & Fitness or Nutrition and one (1) year experience in health education; OR

(D) A Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing, Human Services, Social Work or Psychology and two (2) years experience in health education

In addition, candidates must possess a valid driver’s license. Please submit a copy of your driver’s license with your application.

Note: Incumbents must satisfactorily complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education in health education related topics approved by the New York State Department of Health within one (1) year of appointment.

You must submit a complete application. Be sure to answer all questions, provide dates of employment (month/year), number of hours worked per week and a detailed description of your experience in health education as required above. Applications that do not clearly indicate the required qualifications will be disapproved.

You should submit transcript(s) with your application or within thirty (30) days of filing an application. Transcripts downloaded from the internet, grade reports or copies that do not identify the educational institutions are unacceptable for purposes of qualification. Only education gained at a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees is acceptable for purposes of qualification.

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**What the Job is Like:** This is specialized work involving responsibility for disseminating public health education services for the purpose of improving and maintaining personal and community health. This is work primarily of an educational and public relations nature and consists of organizing programs, responding to professional and lay inquiries, and the preparation and utilization of educational and publicity materials to assure public cooperation and support in the attainment of public health program objectives. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Director of Community Health Outreach, the Assistant Director or Senior Public Health Educator. Direct supervision is exercised over outreach workers and assigned support staff. Incumbent does related work as required.

**Subject of the Examination** - (Local Public Health Educators Series) a written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in the following areas:

1. **Behavioral Science Concepts Related to Public Health Education** – A test of basic concepts of sociology and psychology related to the accomplishment of change in the behavior of individuals and groups. The subtest will deal with, but not necessarily be confined to: the characteristics of specific groups and how these variables relate to behavior. The psychological and sociological factors affecting behavior and behavior change: the psychology of learning and related instructional practices; the psychology of motivation; and the dynamics of small groups and group process.

2. **Disease Control and Prevention** – These questions test for knowledge and understanding of health issues as they relate to the control and prevention of disease. Questions may cover such topics as communicable, chronic, and sexually transmissible diseases; disease causes and prevention; complications resulting from untreated disease; understanding and controlling epidemics; pre-natal care and infant mortality; risk factors and target groups associated with various diseases; immunity and immunization; and public health statistics such as morbidity, mortality, etc.

3. **Educating and Interacting with the Public** – These questions test for knowledge of techniques used to interact effectively with individual citizens and/or community groups, to educate or inform them about topics of concern, to publicize or clarify agency programs or policies, to negotiate conflicts or resolve complaints, and to represent one’s agency or program in a manner in keeping with good public relations practices. Questions may also cover interacting with others in cooperative efforts of public outreach or service.

4. **Planning, Implementing, and Evaluating Health Education Programs** – A test of knowledge of facts, trends, principles, and theories in the area. The subtest will deal with, but not necessarily be confined to: the planning process; program planning; identifying program objectives; identifying target groups; analyzing target groups; determining knowledges, skills, and aptitudes to be developed in target groups; designing and organizing the specific learning; implementing experiences; staffing; program evaluation; and the evaluation of appropriate materials.

5. **Preparing Written Material** – These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

6. **Principles of Educating and Training** – These questions test for the knowledge and abilities used to provide instruction to individuals and groups in settings typically outside the workplace. Instruction of this sort may be given to members of the public or groups with a specialized interest or concern. The questions address issues such as determining what is to be taught; developing and evaluating instructional plans; developing, using, and evaluating training methods and materials; motivation; learning; interacting with learners; and evaluating the success of instruction.

Steven M. Gross, Commissioner of Human Resources

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– AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER –
GENERAL INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

When the examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with 23.2 of the Civil Service Law, the administration of this examination, including rating and review, is governed by the provisions of New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations. The passing grade for this examination is 70.

APPLICATIONS: For an application, send a stamped, self-addressed, legal size envelope to the Orange County Department of Human Resources, Civil Service Unit, 30 Matthews Street, Suite 205, Goshen, NY 10924; or print hard copy at www.orangecountygov.com.

HOW TO APPLY: Completed applications should be postmarked no later than the last filing date shown on front of this announcement or, if not mailed, should be received in the Department of Human Resources no later than 5:00 PM two (2) working days beyond the last filing date established for this examination. The date imprinted by a postage meter is NOT construed as a postmark. The application is part of the testing process: It must be completely filled out, with all pertinent information provided, or disapproval may result. Reference is not made to applications already on file. False or deliberately exaggerated statements may result in disqualification. Do not submit a resume in lieu of an application. Ambiguity and vagueness will not be resolved in your favor. If your application is disapproved, you will be so notified and given an opportunity to submit qualifying information. Failure to furnish such information or other requested information within the time frame specified may be cause for disapproval.

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE: An application processing fee as specified on the front of this announcement must accompany the application. Send check or money order payable to the Commissioner of Finance. Write the examination number and your social security number on the check or money order. Do not send cash. As APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE WAIVER: Application processing fees may be waived for those candidates who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. Individuals who can be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return are NOT eligible for waiver as head of household. In addition, fees may be waived if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) 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. Candidates interested in this waiver must submit a “Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification” form with their application by the last filing date noted on the announcement. Waiver forms can be obtained from the Orange County Department of Human Resources, Civil Service Unit, 30 Matthews Street, Suite 205, Goshen, NY 10924 or on the web at www.orangecountygov.com.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS: If you have applied for another Civil Service Examination with New York State or other local government jurisdiction scheduled for the same date as this exam, it is your responsibility to notify all civil service agencies involved of the dual candidacy. You must make arrangements to take all exams at one test site as soon as possible, in any event no later than two weeks before the exam date. The maximum time allowed for any combination of exams is eight hours.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, ALTERNATE TEST DATES, MILITARY PERSONNEL: If you require reasonable accommodations as a disabled person, or special testing arrangements as one in need of religious accommodation, or are an alternate test date candidate (in accordance with Alternate Test Date Policy), or an active member of the military away from the area on the scheduled test date, clearly indicate this fact on the application. All such requests must be supported by appropriate documentation.

VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS: In reviewing applications, where a year or more of experience is minimally required, a tolerance of one month is allowed in meeting said requirements. The amount of experience required in the minimum qualifications is based upon the presumption of a thirty-five (35) hour workweek. Part-time experience is prorated, unless otherwise specified on this announcement. Unpaid, verifiable volunteer experience may be substituted for an equivalent amount of the required experience unless the minimum qualifications specify otherwise. To be credited as experience of the type specified in the qualifications, the major function and primary emphasis of the duties performed must be of that type. Duties incidental to a person’s job may not be credited. An applicant who has falsified or misrepresented any information, or who is found to lack any of the established requirements for admission to the exam or for appointment from the resultant eligible list, may be denied the opportunity to be examined. After examination, such a candidate may not be included on the eligible list, or may be removed or restricted from the eligible list.

CREDENTIALS: Only college transcripts may be used to demonstrate possession of claimed post-secondary academic credentials. Thirty (30) credit hours equals one year of college in evaluating a candidate’s qualifications. Foreign post-secondary educational achievement must be independently evaluated to ascertain equivalency to education attained in the United States.

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GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

ADMISSION TO EXAM: Accepted candidates will be notified by letter approximately one week prior to the exam date when and where to appear for the exam. You should call this office if you do not receive a notice three days prior to the exam. You may not be admitted to the exam room without official notice, or more than one half hour after an exam has begun. Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery operated calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards such as Computers; Spell-Checkers; Personal Digital Assistants; Address Books; Language Translators; Dictionaries; or any similar devices are prohibited.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES: Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by 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 extensive investigation of criminal history and background, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Costs related to such investigation may be borne by the applicant. Failure to meet the standards of investigation may result in disqualification.

ELIGIBLE LIST: Eligible lists will be established on the basis of passing grades received by the candidates in the competitive portions of the examination. Medical, physical and other appropriate non-competitive qualifying tests may be conducted as the need for certification from the eligible list may require. The resulting eligible list will be used to fill appropriate vacancies as they occur in the agencies listed on the face of this announcement. Lists resulting from promotion exams are certified first.

VETERANS: Non-disabled and disabled war veterans who are eligible for additional credits added to an earned passing score must submit an application for veterans credits in conjunction with each application filed. Candidates who wish to claim veterans credits should request an application and information sheet from this office, or from the monitor at the examination site. Completed forms, including proof of war service (Form DD-214), must be received before the eligible list for the examination is established. An applicant currently in the Armed Forces may request and receive additional credit, but must meet all criteria for such credit prior to its use.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: It is the candidate’s responsibility to notify this department of any changes of name and/or address. Please include examination number on all correspondence.

RESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE: There is no residence requirement for exam, unless specified on the front of this announcement. Preference in appointment from open-competitive lists may be given to residents of the jurisdiction making the appointment. In accordance with law or resolution, you may be required to become a resident to secure appointment in some jurisdictions.

ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION CREDIT TO CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: 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 exam and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

NEPOTISM: Executive Order #1 of 1983 holds that no one in the immediate family of anyone employed by Orange County Government shall hold a position of employment in direct line of supervision as his or her relation.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: It is the County’s policy to ensure equal employment opportunities to all county employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, military or veteran status, sexual orientation or any other protected characteristic or conduct in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

WARNING: Anyone found unlawfully possessing or disclosing questions or answers from civil service exams, or giving or taking test information from another candidate during the exam, or anyone found taking a civil service exam for someone else or enlisting another person to take an exam for another, will be subject to being disqualified from that exam and may be barred from taking any further exam with the Orange County Department of Human Resources and may be subject to other penalties as prescribed by law.

For further information call or visit:
Orange County Department of Human Resources, Civil Service Unit
30 Matthews Street, Suite 205
Goshen NY 10924
(Tel: 845-291-2707)
Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday
Website: www.orangecountygov.com