

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

VACANCY NOTICE

DEPARTMENT: Mental Health – Forensic Mental Health

TITLE OF POSITION: Forensic Mental Health Specialist I – Adult MH / Trainee

TYPE OF POSITION: 1 Provisional (permanency pending civil service exam)
2 Temporary (provisional / contingent permanent pending civil service exams)

EXAM TYPE: Open Competitive (open to the public, exam required)

PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT: Erie County Correctional Facility or Erie County Holding Center

SHIFT: To Be Determined

SALARY: FMH Specialist I – Adult MH – Starts at \$62,419 Annually
FMH Specialist I – Adult MH Trainee – Starts at \$57,304 Annually

POSTING DATES: June 17, 2024 – June 27, 2024

*** The person hired for this position will have to take a civil service examination at a future date and attain a score that is reachable under NYS civil service law. ***

This is entrance level professional forensic mental health work which involves responsibility for providing direct mental health services to persons under custody in the Holding Center or Correctional Facility. These include inmates awaiting trial and sentencing, those serving sentences, probation and parole violators. The work is carried out in accordance with established procedures, with leeway permitted for the exercise of independent judgment. The work involves helping to assess the need for psychiatric examination and determination, rendering direct treatment, which at times includes crisis intervention, and providing consultation and reports to referring agencies. The work is performed under the direct rank, and may exercise supervision over a small number of para-professional or clerical employees. The class differs from Mental Health Specialist II in that cases assigned are generally less complex, and in that supervision exercised by this class is limited to sub-professional staff. Does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS as FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST - ADULT MENTAL HEALTH (Job Grade 11):

Possession of a Master's Degree* in Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling, Education, or closely related field and one year of experience providing services to persons with mental health conditions.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a New York State Department of Education license to practice as a Social Worker, Mental Health Counselor or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor at time of permanent appointment and maintenance throughout duration of appointment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS as FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST I - ADULT MENTAL HEALTH / TRAINEE (Job Grade 10):

Possession of a Master's Degree* in Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling, Education, or closely related field at the time of appointment. After completion of the one (1) year training

term and completion of special requirements, a trainee candidate shall be entitled to advance to permanent status as a Forensic Mental Health Specialist I – Adult (Job Group 11) without further examination.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a New York State Department of Education license to practice as a Social Worker, Mental Health Counselor, or Certified Rehabilitation Counselor at time of permanent appointment and maintenance throughout duration of appointment.

NOTE 1: * Your degree must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education / U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

NOTE 2: Verifiable part-time and / or volunteer experience will be pro-rated toward meeting full-time experience requirements.

Candidates must be legal residents of Erie County at the time of Provisional appointment, for at least one month immediately preceding the date of the written test, AND at the time of Permanent appointment.

**THIS NOTICE WILL BE POSTED FOR THE PERIOD
THROUGH AND INCLUDING**

**June 17, 2024
June 27, 2024**

To apply for this position, please e-mail your resume to be **received by 4:00pm on June 27, 2024** to **Shannon.Stocker@erie.gov**
or mail your resume to:
Erie County Department of Mental Health
95 Franklin Street, Room 1237
Buffalo, NY 14202
Attn: Shannon Stocker

Resumes received after 4:00pm on June 27, 2024 will not be considered.

Only those whose resumes are being considered will be contacted.
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