



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Posting #: 2026-198	Issue Date: 07/31/2026	Closing Date: 08/31/2026	
Title: Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor 1 Deaf Language Specialist (Non-Competitive)	Range/Title Code: P20/65272D	Salary: \$63,662.98 - \$92,953.28	
Unit Scope: Statewide Public/Private	Location: Elizabeth Field Office, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (N850), Temporary location: 990 Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Newark, NJ 07102.	Workweek: NE	Vacancies: 1

Job Description

Under the limited supervision of a supervisory official in a State department, institution, or agency, provides counseling services to a varied population of clients with disabilities requiring rehabilitative services over an extensive period of time; assists clients with disabilities in the process of selecting and obtaining the necessary training and related services for their vocational rehabilitation; assists clients and employers in obtaining suitable employment or employees; does other related duties as required.

Please note: the permanent location for this position will be the Elizabeth Field Office (Union County) once the location is established. The temporary location is the Newark Field office.

SPECIAL SKILL: *Appointees must be able to communicate effectively in the language of the deaf, particularly American Sign Language, sufficiently to perform the duties of this position. Appointees must have a proficiency level of at least an Intermediate level and must be able to reach the Advanced or higher-level rating on the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) within two years of appointment.*

Full Civil Service specifications can be found [HERE](#)

Employee Benefit(s)

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOL) provides many employee benefits to acknowledge, and value, their contribution. Statewide benefits include:

- Alternate Work Week*
- Deferred Compensation
- Health and Life Insurance
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)
- Telework*
- 100% Tuition Reimbursement*
- Flexible and Health Spending Accounts (FSA)/(HSA)
- Temporary Expanded PSLF (TEPSLF) Programs

**Pursuant to the Department's policy, procedures and/or guidelines.*

Civil Service Commission Requirements (Education/Experience/Licenses)

****Those who applied to POSTING #2026-86 do not need to apply again and will be taken into consideration. ****

REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling, education, social work, counseling, special education, school guidance, sociology, or psychology.

NOTE: A current and valid certification as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor issued by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification may be substituted for the master's degree.

NOTE: A bachelor's degree in in rehabilitation counseling, education, social work, counseling, special education, school guidance, sociology, psychology, business administration, human resources, or economics and two (2) years of professional work experience with individuals with disabilities or performing direct counseling or advocacy activities for individuals with disabilities in a rehabilitation agency, facility or other social program designed to increase the employability of persons with disabilities, may be substituted for the above education.

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SAME APPLICANTS: If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME Program email: SAME@csc.nj.gov , or call CSC at (833)691-0404 option 3.

VETERANS PREFERENCE: Are you a veteran? If so, proof of your NJ Veterans Preference is required at application. Please provide a copy of your New Jersey Civil Service Commission NOTIFICATION OF VETERANS STATUS along with your cover letter and resume. For information on how to apply for Veterans Preference in the State of NJ, please visit the Civil Service Commission.

RESUME NOTE: Eligibility determinations will be based only upon information presented on the resume along with other supporting documents. Applicants who possess a degree from a college or university outside the United States must provide an evaluation of the transcripts from a recognized evaluation service at the time of submission. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.

LICENSE: Appointees will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

TO APPLY

If you qualify, **please submit a letter of interest, college transcripts, resume (including the best contact number and email address) and the below form**, to the email address listed below. Your submission **must** be received by the closing date and include the job posting number.

EMAIL:
Human Capital Strategies
Recruitment Unit
LWDJobPostings@dol.nj.gov

Subject line must include the specified job posting number.

This is not a promotional announcement for a Civil Service Examination.

This posting may result in personnel actions which will require final approval by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Civil Service Commission in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules and regulations.

**This job posting is authorized by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development,
Division of Human Capital Strategies.**

- Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that may include fingerprinting.
- Any appointments made from postings, which involve movement between unit scopes, may result in a forfeiture of rights to any promotional list in a former unit scope.

- As of September 2010, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the “New Jersey First Act,” all new employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey, or to secure an exemption.
- Work Authorization: Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations. NJDOL does not provide sponsorship or accept student OPT/CPT programs, F1 or H1B work authorization visas.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the Uniform Ethics Code adopted by the NJ State Ethics Commission and the State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJ DOL) requires the disclosure of all relatives, consensual personal relationships, and cohabitants. No NJ DOL employee may supervise or exercise any authority with regard to personnel actions involving their relative, anyone with whom there is a consensual personal relationship, or anyone with whom they cohabit.

Relative means an individual’s spouse/domestic partner/civil union partner¹ or the individual or spouse’s/domestic partner’s/civil union partner’s parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, cousin, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother or half-sister, whether the relative is related to the individual or the individual’s spouse/domestic partner/civil union partner by blood, marriage or adoption.

Consensual personal relationship means marriage, engagement, dating or other ongoing romantic or sexual relationships.

Cohabitant means non-related persons who share a household under circumstances where there is financial interdependence.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development requires the disclosure of all relatives and consensual personal relationships to be promptly reported directly to the Division of Human Capital Strategies (HCS), Director’s Office. Confidentiality shall be maintained to the extent possible and practicable. This information may be shared with NJ DOL’s Equal Employment Opportunity Office and/or the NJ DOL Ethics Office as deemed necessary. Upon receiving notice of the relationship, HCS may address any situation as necessary in consultation with the EEO Office and/or the Ethics Officer. This may include, but is not limited to, the changing of reporting relationships or transferring any of the employees involved. Failure to provide notification to HCS may result in discipline up to and including termination and the denial of legal representation and indemnification by the State in the event that a lawsuit is filed having a connection with a personal relationship. Employees are under a continuing obligation to promptly report personal relationships that develop during the course of their employment.

☐ I **DO NOT** have a relative or a consensual personal relationship, as defined above, with anyone working for the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

☐ I **DO** have a relative or a consensual personal relationship, as defined above, with anyone working for the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development identified as follows:

Name	Relationship	Division and Work Location

Do you need more space for disclosure? ☐ Yes ☐ No **If YES, continue writing on the back of this form.**

¹ Domestic Partner as defined in NJSA 26:8A-1 et. seq. and Civil Union status as defined in NJSA 37:1-28 et. seq.

I certify that the information on this form to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, complete and accurate. I understand that any misleading or incorrect information, willful misstatement, or omission of a material fact, may be just cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination. I understand my obligation to promptly report personal relationships that develop during the course of my employment.

Applicant/Employee's Name (Print) _____

Applicant/Employee's Signature _____

Date _____