

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
A.A./E.E.O. EMPLOYER
CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION
OPEN COMPETITIVE

Community Health Nurse - # DEC/T&E/026

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in agencies under the jurisdiction of the St. Lawrence County Personnel Office. Salary varies with jurisdiction.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- A) Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State with a Baccalaureate Degree in nursing from an approved program; **OR**
- B) Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State with a Baccalaureate Degree in nursing from a non-approved program supplemented by content which can be equated to the approved program; **OR**
- C) Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State with either:
 - 1) A Baccalaureate Degree in a health or human services field; **OR**
 - 2) Two (2) years experience in home care; **OR**
 - 3) Two (2) years experience in providing prevent services in a local health department.

NOTE: Submission of a resume does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing ALL sections of the official application. Your resume is a supplement to the application, not a substitute for it.

APPLICATION FEE: The St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department will be collecting an application fee of \$10.00 from examination applicants. The required fee must accompany your application and must be in the form of either a check or money order payable to the St. Lawrence County Treasurer. Write the number of the examination on your check or money order. **DO NOT SEND CASH**. As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the specified minimum qualifications and file for the examination only if you believe you are clearly qualified. Any application received after the last filing date will be returned along with the application fee. There will be a \$15.00 returned check fee of any returned check.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income 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, please complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. The "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form is located on the St. Lawrence County web site at: www.slcpersonnel.org or by contacting the Human Resources Department at (315) 379-2210.**

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: This is a professional nursing position involving responsibility for performing community health nursing duties in the County Health Department. The duties include assessment of health care needs of patients, development and implementation of nursing care plans, and the conduct of community health intervention programs such as immunization and health clinics and health education. The position is distinguished from that of Registered Professional Nurse in the Health Department in that a Community Health Nurse possesses specialized training to analyze the interaction of individuals and their environment in providing a holistic health care plan. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Supervising Community Health Nurse with wide leeway allowed for the use of independent judgement in assessing patients' needs and implementing care plans. The position acts as a team leader over the work of Licensed Practical Nurses and Home Health Aides in the provision of services to patients. The incumbent does related work as required.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: SEE ATTACHED EXPANDED SCOPE STATEMENT

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS EXAMINATION WILL BE ACCEPTED CONTINUOUSLY. RATING RESULTS WILL BE SENT TO THE CANDIDATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION.

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APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION
St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department
48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617-1169
(315) 379-2210
www.slcpersonnel.org
(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS)

SITTING CONDITIONALLY FOR AN EXAMINATION

Candidates who will receive a qualifying degree within four (4) months after the date of this examination will be allowed to sit conditionally. The candidates' name will be withheld from certification until proof of the qualifying degree has been received by the Human Resources Department. The candidate will be required to furnish proof that they have received said degree, **no later than four (4) months after the establishment of the Eligible List** resulting from this examination. Upon receipt of said proof within the time frame so stated, the candidate will become eligible for certification.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS

Special accommodations for handicapped candidates will be made unless such accommodations would impose an undue hardship on the Human Resources Department. Written requests specifying such accommodations should be filed with the examination application in order to allow for the necessary documentation, determination and arrangements.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION

Candidates who, because of a religious observance or practice, are unable to compete in an examination scheduled to be held by this office, will be rescheduled. Notification must be made in writing to the Human Resources Department with the examination application. The candidate will be notified by the Human Resources Department of an alternate test date.

MILITARY COMMITMENT

Candidates who are unable to appear on the regularly scheduled examination date due to ordered military duty should contact the Human Resources Department for information regarding their rights to an alternate test date.

OTHER ALTERNATE TEST DATES

Alternate examination dates may be granted for qualifying circumstances. A request for alternate examination date must be submitted to the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department no later than the close of business on the next business day following the examination date, whenever practicable. Any alternate examination date administration beyond the Saturday following the scheduled Saturday examination date must be reviewed with the New York State Department of Civil Service.

CROSS FILERS

Candidates taking both State and local examinations scheduled for the same day will take all examinations at a State site. Candidates must make arrangements by calling (518) 474-6470 in the Albany area or toll free at 1-877-697-5627 [press 2, then press 1], no later than two weeks before the test date.

VETERANS CREDITS

For purpose of claiming Veterans Credits on a Civil Service examination, an applicant must have served in the armed forces of the United States at any time during the following periods:

Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946

June 27, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955

Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

June 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987

Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983

Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990

Aug. 2, 1990 - End of Persian Gulf Conflict

Disabled or Non-Disabled Veterans who claim additional credits will receive information as to the filing procedure approximately 2 weeks prior to the date of the examination. (See section 4 of the application for additional information)

CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

In conformance with Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, 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 examination 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 for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

This written examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations which deals with the rating of examinations will apply.

CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS

Names of candidates from a continuous recruitment examination will be inter-filed on the continuing eligible list in rank order regardless of the date on which they took the test. A department/agency/municipality reserves the right to terminate the continuous recruitment program.

ELIGIBLE LISTS

Eligible Lists will be ranked in the order of final rating, and will be established for a minimum of one year to a maximum of four years unless exhausted prior to that date. Established Eligible Lists may be extended by the Personnel Officer not to exceed four years.

NOTE TO CANDIDATES

Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited. Books or other reference materials are also prohibited.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS, FINGERPRINTS AND FEES

Fingerprinting is sometimes required at the time of appointment. If so, you may be required to pay the processing fee. Background Investigation: Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

EXPANDED SCOPE STATEMENT

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SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: The only subject of examination will be an evaluation of your training and experience. You are, therefore, asked to include in your application a summary of all pertinent training and experience in sufficient detail so that your background may be evaluated against the minimum qualifications.

In your summary of training include all college course work, formal in-service training, and seminars you have attended. You must specify either the number of credits received or the number of contact hours and dates of attendance. Also include a copy of your professional license or documentation indicating eligibility for licensure. Specify the date that your license was first issued.

In your summary of experience, you must specify the dates of your employment, the number of hours worked per week, your title, and the main duties for each. Be specific; vagueness and ambiguity will not be resolved in your favor. Candidates who submit incomplete applications or documentation may be disqualified.

Permanency after appointment will be based on successful completion of a probationary period during which technical performance and work habits will be evaluated.