

**TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
EXAMINATION
Inclusion Through Diversity**

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**Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Office
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Tompkins County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply

TITLE: Senior Community Health Nurse

EXAM NO: 20548

SALARY: \$41.13 Hire Rate; 44.70 Work Rate

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT: Full Time

EXAM DATE: 03/19/25

ISSUE DATE: 02/21/25

THE FINAL DATE TO FILE APPLICATIONS: 03/08/25

DATE THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM POSTING: 03/19/25

RESIDENCY: Candidates must have been legal residents of Tompkins County or one of the six adjoining counties (Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga) for at least one month immediately preceding the date of application and maintain residency. For Examinations: The eligible list resulting from the examination will be established in accordance with the final earned numerical ratings of passing candidates regardless of residence. A municipality or district may exercise its right under section 23-4-a. of Civil Service Law to request a certification of eligible candidates who have been residents of that municipality or district for at least one month prior to appointment. After the names of residents have been exhausted, Tompkins County must then certify the names of non-residents on the list.

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LOCATION OF POSITIONS/VACANCIES:

There is currently one vacancy in the title of Senior Community Health Nurse in the Tompkins County Health Department. The eligible list resulting from this training and experience examination may be used to fill all appropriate full-time, part-time, and/or temporary Senior Community Health Nurse vacancies that occur in the Tompkins County Health Department. Candidates will be limited to one year of eligibility on the list.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(a) Possession of a Bachelor's degree in nursing from an approved program **AND** two years of full-time paid (or the equivalent part-time and/or volunteer) nursing experience in a hospital, health related facility, community / home health agency or a skilled nursing facility; **OR**

(b) Possession of a Bachelor's degree in nursing from a non-approved program supplemented by content which can be equated to the approved program **AND** two years of full-time paid (or the equivalent part-time and/or volunteer) nursing experience as described in (a) above; **OR**

(c) A Registered Nurse with a Bachelor's Degree in a health or human service field **AND** two years of full-time paid (or the equivalent part-time and/or volunteer) nursing experience as described in (a) above; **OR**

(d) A Registered Nurse **AND** three years of full-time paid (or the equivalent part-time and/or volunteer) nursing experience as described in (a) above; **OR**

(e) Any combination of training and experience equal to or greater than that specified in (a), (b), (c), and (d) above.

Tompkins County is Committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage those with similar values to apply.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:

1. All applicants must possess a valid New York State Registered Professional Nurse's license and current registration at the time of application and maintain such license and registration for the duration of employment.
2. All applicants are required to possess a valid New York State Driver's License at the time of application and maintain such license for the duration of employment.
3. All applicants must possess CPR certification (American Red Cross or American Heart Association) within one month of employment.
4. All applicants must demonstrate completion of coursework or training in infection control approved by the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Education Department by providing a valid certificate at the time of application and maintain such certification for the duration of employment.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is a professional supervisory nursing position involving responsibility for case management of preventive health care and home care services and /or children with special care needs services, as well as provision of the service. The employee provides direct nursing care and /or case management in homes, clinics, schools and other community facilities. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Supervising Community Health Nurse or Division Director. The employee will supervise a single work unit or work group within the Health Department. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required.

SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION:

There is no written or oral test for this examination. The only 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 duties of the position.

In your **Summary of Training**, include all college course work (an original transcript is required), 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. Submission of a résumé does not relieve a candidate of his/her responsibility for properly completing the official Tompkins County Application for Examination/Employment. Candidates who fail to adequately complete the application will be disqualified.

THE ELIGIBLE LIST: Candidates who are successful will be inter-filed on the continuous recruitment eligible list for one year. Eligibles will be ranked in accordance with the score assigned to them based upon their training and experience and, in case of tie scores, by the date of testing and alphabetically.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.

Accepted candidates will be notified when and where to appear for the examination. If you do not receive your notice to appear at least three days before the date of the written examination, call Tompkins County Department of Human Resources at 274-5526. If an application is disapproved, due notice will be sent. This department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application or take responsibility for non-delivery or postal delay.

Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved.

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL, VETERANS OR DISABLED VETERANS desiring to claim additional credit will request the Veterans Credits application form, at any time between the date of application for examination(s) and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. You must meet the requirements set by NYS for these credits and they may be used only once. **YOU MAY NOT CLAIM ADDITIONAL CREDITS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE LIST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST THE VETERANS CREDIT APPLICATION FORMS AND TO SUBMIT THESE FORMS AND ANY SUPPORTING PAPERWORK BEFORE THE ELIGIBLE LIST IS ESTABLISHED.**

Tompkins County's written examinations are prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations, which deal with the rating and review of the examinations apply.

The duration of the eligible lists may be fixed for a minimum of one and a maximum of four years and may be extended beyond four years if there has been a restriction against the filling of vacancies in that title.

The candidates must complete a separate "Application for Employment" for each open-competitive and/or promotional examination that the candidate is eligible to take.

All experience required meeting the acceptable training and experience is full-time experience. (Part-time experience will be credited on a prorated basis).

Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept the appointment.

Tompkins County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As part of its efforts to provide employment opportunities to the physically handicapped, Tompkins County Civil Service has adopted a rule permitting the employment of qualified physically handicapped persons without competitive examination (pursuant to Section 55 of Civil Service Law). If you meet the minimum qualifications for this position and wish to know more about this rule, please contact the Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Office.

Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, and 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. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

CROSS-FILING - APPLYING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS WHEN EXAMINATIONS ARE SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DATE: When applying for examinations across multiple jurisdictions - all of which are scheduled on the same day - you must submit a Tompkins County Cross-Filing Form. This form must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on the final filing date of the examination. On this form, list each examination that you are taking and then tell us where you would like to sit. The purpose is to ensure that all of the test materials for the various examinations that you are taking will be available in one location. If you do not provide the cross-filing form to us by the final filing date, we cannot ensure that we can accommodate your desire to cross-file. If any of the examinations are State level examinations, you must sit at the State test center. You will still need to complete the Tompkins County cross-filing form. If sitting at the State site, the State will notify you of when and where to report for your examination(s) and you should bring all admittance letters to the State site. If you are not taking a State examination, bring all admittance letters to your chosen testing site. If you have any question please call Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Department (607) 274-5526. The Cross File form is located at <http://www.tompkins-co.org/personnel/CivilSrvForms/index.html>

FOR RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS: If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application.

ALL CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR POSITIONS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES GOVERNED BY TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE MAY HAVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL REQUIREMENT. 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.

In conformance with Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duties 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 firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duties 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.

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.

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