

# TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

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Tompkins County Personnel Office  
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**TITLE:** Community Health Nurse

**EXAM NO:** 10165

**SALARY:** 2016 Rates - \$28.26 upon hire increasing to \$30.70 after a nine-month training period.

**LOCATION:** Tompkins County Health Department

**TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Currently two full time 40 hour per week positions in the Children with Special Care Needs Division of the Tompkins County Health Department as of 01/04/2016.

**EXAM DATE:** 02/05/16

**ISSUE DATE:** 09/09/15

**THE FINAL DATE TO FILE APPLICATIONS:** 01/25/16

**DATE THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM POSTING:** 01/26/16

**RESIDENCY WAIVED**

**EXAM NUMBER:** 10165

**LOCATION OF POSITIONS/VACANCIES:**

There are currently two full-time 40 hour per week Community Health Nurse vacancies in the Tompkins County Health Department - Children with Special Care Needs Division. The list resulting from this Training and Experience (T&E) examination will be used to fill these vacancies and any other vacancies in the title that occur during candidate eligibility on the list.

The Community Health Nurse works as a Service Coordinator in Early Intervention (EI) Program servicing families of children birth to age 3 with developmental delays. This job requires excellent communication skills, organizational skills, ability to work with families in the home, network with community resources, and coordinate a team approach with therapists and the family to best meet the needs of the child and problem solve with the team to make changes in the child's plan.

Other duties include working with children and families as they leave the EI program and transition to the school district, making referrals to community resources for other basic needs of the family. Future needs of this Division will encompass working with children up to age 5 in the NYS Health Homes Program and other programs for families. May assist other Community Health programs at TCHD when needed. Intensive orientation is provided.

The eligible list resulting from this continuous recruitment, training and experience examination may be used to fill all appropriate full-time, part-time, and/or temporary 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) A Bachelors Degree in nursing from an approved program **AND** one year 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 skilled nursing facility; **OR**
- (b) A Bachelor's degree in nursing from a non-approved program supplemented by content that can be equated to the approved program **AND** one full year 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 skilled-nursing facility; **OR**
- (c) RN with an Associate's Degree or a Diploma Degree in Nursing **AND** two years' experience as a registered nurse in a hospital, health-related or skilled-nursing facility, or community/home health agency.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:**

1. All applicants must possess a valid New York State Registered Professional Nurse's license at the time of application and maintain such license and current 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) at the time of application and maintain such certification for the duration 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 nursing position involving responsibility for performing community health nursing activities in the assessment of health needs and development of plans for individuals and families. Community Health Nurses have the responsibility for the initial implementation of nursing care plans, for the provision of nursing care and for the periodic re-evaluation of individual and family nursing needs. Supervision may be exercised over Licensed Practical Nurses, Home Health Aides, and other subordinate staff. General supervision is received from a Supervising Community Health Nurse or other high level nursing personnel. 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.

**NOTE:** An original transcript must be submitted for this position.

**THE ELIGIBLE LIST:** The eligible list established for Community Health Nurse will be maintained on a continuing basis by conducting periodic examinations. 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 Personnel 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 Personnel 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-FILE - 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 Personnel 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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