

**TOMPKINS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
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**Tompkins County Department of Human Resources Office
125 E. Court Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 274-5526**

Tompkins County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply

TITLE: Home Health-Personal Care Aide

SALARY: Hire Rate - \$25.67/hr, Work Rate - \$27.01/hr

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT: Part Time

ISSUE DATE: 02/23/26

THE FINAL DATE TO FILE APPLICATIONS: 12/31/26

DATE THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM POSTING: 01/01/27

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.

The Office for the Aging is hiring a Home Health-Personal Care Aide to work with our clients receiving in home services. The position is 20 hours a week. Benefits include: medical, dental, paid time off and holidays, a flexible schedule and a vehicle or paid travel time is available.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(A) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **AND** possession of a NYS Certified Nurse Aide Certification; **OR**

(B) Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **AND** satisfactory completion of an approved Personal Care Aide Course **OR** provide documentation of enrollment in a certification program to be completed within 3 months of submitting application.

NOTE: Preference may be given to applicants with at least one year of experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Must hold a valid New York State driver's license at the time of appointment and must maintain license throughout employment. Must have access to reliable transportation to meet fieldwork requirements in a timely and efficient manner. The job may involve extensive travel to all parts of the county and occasional travel out of county.

Tompkins County is committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage others with similar values to apply.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is routine work providing personal care assistance to clients in the normal activities of daily living at their place of residence. The tasks provided involve housekeeping, personal hygiene, shopping and related supportive services designed to allow clients to remain safely within the community for as long as possible. The services provided are listed in a care plan designed by a case manager. The work is performed under supervision of an assigned supervisor(s) in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations as well as established policies and procedures. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

The typical work activities listed below are illustrative only and, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

- Bathes and shampoos client's hair, i.e. bed, sponge, tub or shower bath; and gives personal hygienic care such as combing hair, brushing teeth, cleaning fingernails, etc.;
- Helps clients to the bathroom;
- Changes bed linens, makes beds and performs other simple housekeeping tasks to provide a suitable living environment for the client;
- Plans and prepares meals for clients, which may involve cooking and shopping at markets to obtain supplies;
- May transport clients in a county car for appointments or shopping;
- Cleans, dusts, washes dishes and performs a variety of other light housekeeping tasks;
- Cares for clients clothing; including washing, ironing and simple mending;
- May assist client with self-administered medications;
- Attends staff meetings;
- Prepares a variety of records and reports related to the work;
- Attends trainings, workshops and webinars and other continuing educational requirements.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Good knowledge of the characteristics, needs, and interests of the client population served;
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing;
- Ability to understand and implement oral and written directions;
- Ability to perform tasks associated with the position;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality;
- Ability to learn computerized systems;
- Ability to maintain tact and courtesy;
- Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:

The physical and mental demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally required to sit, use hands to keyboard, handle, or feel objects, manipulate tools, or controls, and reach with hands and arms. The employee is required to see, walk, talk and hear. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 10 pounds. Due to minimal computer usage, the job requires minimal visual effort. Vision abilities required by this job include close vision and the ability to adjust focus to a mid-range. The employee's physical and mental condition shall be commensurate with demands of the position, either with or without reasonable accommodation. Psychological demands are moderate for this position. Considerable interpersonal skills are necessary in order to create connections. Internal contacts may include work with office staff and will require professional collaboration on overlapping projects. External contacts are with families, liaisons, and community groups and involve the development of professional networks. The work environment has minimal exposure to disagreeable conditions. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required.

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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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