



CLINTON COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

For Correction Officer

Training and Experience Examination

Examination No.: #60034-880

Issued: 04/16/2025
Salary Range: \$45,567
Closing Date for Filing: 05/16/2025
Training and Experience Exam:
Evaluation of training and experience to be completed upon review of the initial application.

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RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be residents of Clinton County for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of the examination.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

The work involves responsibility on an assigned shift for the enforcement of rules and regulations governing the custody, security, conduct, discipline, safety, and general well-being of inmates in a county correctional facility. The work may also require the use of radio and automatic signal equipment to dispatch personnel and vehicles to scenes of crimes, accidents, disturbances, and other emergencies. The duties involve considerable inmate contact and supervision in a work, recreation, or learning environment. Work procedures are well defined but incumbents must be alert to possibilities of emergency situations arising and exercise sound judgment when problems occur. The work is performed under general supervision of a higher-level correctional supervisor with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in dealing with day-to-day situations in the facility. The incumbent does related work as required.

The Clinton County Department of Personnel must receive applications by **05/16/2025**. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

VACANCIES

The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill present and future vacancies that may occur at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications at time of examination. All experience must be paid experience unless otherwise noted.

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

- (1) Possess an appropriate level New York State drivers' license at the time of appointment; and
- (2) Must be at least 20 years of age at time of appointment.

NOTE: Attach to your application a copy of your high school diploma or equivalency, college transcripts, and/or diploma, and any certificates applicable based on the minimum qualifications.

Anticipated Eligibility –

Age and Educational Requirements:

According to Civil Service Law, section 54 which became effective September 4, 2024, applicants who are within 12 months of meeting the minimum age or attaining the minimum educational requirements following the date of examination, may take the civil service exam, but will be restricted from certification until such a time that the minimum age or educational requirements are met. Candidates will be required to provide proof of qualifying education and/or age within 12 months of exam date in order to be eligible for appointment from a certified list.

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WHAT THIS EXAMINATION CONSISTS OF (SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION)

There is no written multiple-choice test. This is an online examination questionnaire that asks questions about your education, training, and work experience. This online questionnaire IS YOUR EXAMINATION. If you meet the minimum qualifications, you will receive a rating based upon an evaluation of your training and experience against the duties of the position being tested.

Candidates must complete an examination application and return it to the **Personnel Department on or before the last filing date of May 16, 2025.**

Approved candidates will be sent a notice containing directions to a website address needed to complete a Training and Experience Questionnaire.

The Training and Experience (T&E) Questionnaire will be available on June 1, 2025, and approved candidates will be required to complete and submit this questionnaire between **June 1, 2025** and midnight, **June 30, 2025**. Candidates will not be able to claim any credit for training or experience to be gained after the application filing deadline of **May 16, 2025**.

Candidates who fail to submit their questionnaire by **June 30, 2025** will not receive a score and not be added to the eligible list.

NOTE: Individuals can participate in Correction Officer examinations for other municipal civil service agencies to maximize their opportunity for appointment. Interested candidates will need to separately apply, be registered, and complete the T&E questionnaire for each municipal civil service agency according to each agency's guidelines. In addition, the application and T&E questionnaire process for the NYS Correction Officer Trainee Exam program is separate from the Correction Officer T&E exam program for municipal civil service agencies. Visit cs.ny.gov for more information on applying to State exams.

Taking the online T&E examination and personal NY.GOV ID Accounts

Approved applicants will need to access the T&E on the Department of Civil Service website. Each applicant will need a personal NY.GOV ID to participate in the examination. Applicants may already have a personal NY.GOV ID account if they have used online services for other agencies, such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. They should use the same personal NY.GOV ID for civil service examination purposes

Applicants should **not** create a new personal NY.GOV ID. More information about personal NY.GOV ID's is available at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/home/myaccount/>. There is a helpful video for applicants at this link. Applicants that require technical assistance with their personal NY.GOV ID can contact New York State Office of Information Technology (ITS) Service Desk directly at 844-891-1786 or at fixit@its.ny.gov.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each candidate must complete an application and file it with the Clinton County Dept. of Personnel, Clinton County Government Center, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, NY, as soon as possible after the announcement of the exam but not later than the closing date. **Be sure you answer every question before filing your application. An incomplete application may be disapproved.**

2. The Clinton County Dept. of Personnel will notify you by email, when and where to appear for the exam. If you fail to receive an email letter at least seven days prior to the exam date, you should contact the Clinton County Dept. of Personnel immediately. No one will be admitted to the exam without the official admittance letter. The Department will also send due notice if an application is rejected. The Department does not make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application.

3. Restrictions on employment may exist for candidates who are under 18 years of age.

4. Unless otherwise stated, all candidates are required to be legal residents of Clinton County for one month immediately preceding the date of exam. Appointing authorities may give preference to legal residents of their jurisdiction.

5. VETERANS: To learn about your rights regarding Civil Service exams, request a copy of Clinton County's "Veterans' Rights For Exams" Summary from the Clinton County Dept. of Personnel or visit our website: clintoncountygov.com.

6. VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS: Appointing authorities may investigate or call candidates for an interview to determine whether they are qualified for appointment.

7. When the written exam is prepared and rated by the NYS Dept. of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law, the provision of the NYS Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating and review of exams apply.

8. The Dept. will establish eligible lists in the order of final rating for successful candidates and will establish lists for a period of 4 years.

9. RETIREMENT SYSTEM: It is mandatory that persons appointed to full-time positions in a political subdivision participating in the NYS Employees' Retirement System, join the system on appointment. For other employees, membership is optional.

10. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: Candidates requiring special arrangements for testing must indicate this on their application form or write to the Department not later than the last date for filing.

11. RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: The Department is not responsible for the arrival of applications if not personally delivered to this office. Therefore, you should contact the Department on or before the final date for filing to verify receipt.

12. USE OF CALCULATORS: 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. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

13. FOR NON-CITIZENS: At the time of appointment, you must be a legal alien authorized to accept employment in the United States and you must maintain such status throughout the term of your employment with Clinton County.

14. ALTERNATE TEST DATE POLICY: Clinton County has an Alternate Test Date Policy, which allows a candidate to participate in the exam other than the set exam date. The alternate test date must be set during the week following the exam date. At no time can an exam be set later than one week following the exam unless NYS Civil Service provides prior approval. If you are unable to take the exam on the set exam date, contact this office for information regarding the policy. For emergency situations, which may occur on the exam date, you must contact the Clinton County Dept. of Personnel no later than 5 o'clock p.m. on the Monday following the exam.

15. WEATHER CONDITIONS: Clinton County will attempt to hold scheduled exams regardless of weather conditions. If an exam is cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, it will be announced on our website: clintoncountygov.com – Personnel Dept. – Exam Weather Alert.

16. Clearance from the Commissioner of Education will be required for positions that are designated by school districts as having direct contact with students.

17. You may wish to retain a copy of your application since we are unable to provide copies of exam applications.

18. POLICE OFFICER OR FIREFIGHTER SURVIVOR CREDITS: Per Section 85-a of Civil Service Law, children of firefighters or police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive exam for which they qualify for original appointment in the same municipality in which his/her parent served. The parent is deemed to have "served" in a municipality if he/she was employed by or worked primarily in that municipality. If you qualify, inform this office when you submit your application for exam. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of 2 months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. No credit may be added after establishment of the eligible list.

19. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Applicants may be required to undergo and pay for a state and national criminal history background investigation, which includes a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification. Fingerprints to be used in performing the background checks would be collected from applicants pursuant to regulations promulgated by the DCJS, which will perform the state background check. DCJS will also submit the fingerprints to the FBI for the completion of the national background check. Individuals found to have criminal histories that bar their appointment to the position sought would then be disqualified by the municipal civil service agency pursuant to Section 50(4) of Civil Service Law.

20. Clinton County is in compliance with ADA requirements.