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Department of Civil Service Announces Correction Officer Trainee Exam

Candidates Must Apply Before December 20, 2016 Deadline

The New York State Department of Civil Service today announced new exams for Correction Officer Trainee and Correction Officer Trainee (Spanish Language), scheduled to be held on February 11, 2017.

Trainee positions are available in Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) correctional facilities statewide. Interested candidates must complete and submit an exam application by December 20, 2016. To view the exam announcement and apply online, visit: <u>https://www.cs.ny.gov/examannouncements/announcements/oc/26-213.cfm</u>.

"The Department of Civil Service is committed to working with DOCCS and other agencies throughout the State to ensure that they have the right people for the right job at the right time," said Acting Civil Service Commissioner Lola W. Brabham. "I encourage all interested candidates to take the Correction Officer exam and explore a rewarding career in public safety with New York State."

"The Civil Service examination for the position of Correction Officer offers a tremendous opportunity for those New Yorkers who meet the qualifications to pursue a valuable career and join a growing family of diverse state residents who safeguard their State," said Acting DOCCS Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci. "The distinction of holding the title of Correction Officer is a time honored and noble one that comes with a sense of pride and satisfaction in knowing that the citizens of New York State have entrusted you to serve and protect their families and the community."

Individuals appointed to a Correction Officer Trainee position will be required to participate and complete all requirements of a year-long traineeship program.

As a Correction Officer, you will be responsible for the custody and security, as well as the safety and well-being, of criminal offenders in New York State Correctional Facilities. Duties include supervising the movement and activities of inmates, maintaining order within the facility, and advising inmates of the rules and regulations governing the operation of the facility, among other security related activities.

The hiring rate for a Correction Officer Trainee is \$40,590, with an increase to \$42,695 after six months. Upon successful completion of the training program and a one-year probationary period, the annual salary will increase to \$48,889.

At the time of the appointment, candidates must be a United States citizen and a New York State resident at least 21 years of age. In addition, the candidate must be a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency diploma, and have no previous felony convictions.

The New York State Department of Civil Service is the principal human resources provider for the Executive Branch of State Government, serving approximately 150,000 employees. The Department provides examination services and supports civil service administration to 70 State and 95 municipal agencies. Since 2011, the Department has administered more than 20,000 exams to 750,000 State and local candidates.

The Department also administers the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) for State and local government employees, retirees and their families. This comprehensive health insurance benefits program is one of the largest public employer health insurance programs in the nation, covering 1.2 million lives.

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