



SENECA COUNTY

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CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Mental Health Clinical Therapist Exam Number 68405

VACANCIES: At present there are two (2) vacancies in the Seneca County Mental Health Department. This eligible list will be used to fill these and future vacancies as they occur in Seneca County.

RESIDENCY: Seneca County's residency requirement of residency in Seneca County or contiguous county for 30 days has been waived for this position. Candidates must be legal residents of New York State at time of application.

Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the municipality in which appointment is to be made for at least one month prior to the date of application and are residents of such municipality at the time of appointment.

SALARY: \$26.07 per hour

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of an appropriate equivalency diploma recognized by the NYS Department of Education, **AND:**

Possession of a Master's Degree in psychology or a related field such as Community Counseling, Education Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Art Therapy, vocational Rehabilitation, etc. from a regionally accredited college or University or a graduate school approved by the New York State Department of Education.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:

Possession of a valid New York State Driver's License at time of appointment. Must maintain license throughout employment.

Please apply online at <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

Examination To Be Held:
December 1, 2018

Applications Accepted Up To:
October 26, 2018

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only):

Provides intensive individual and group therapy to individuals, including children and adults, with emotional, social and related problems;
Serves as a member of the clinic team, providing mental health, social work or psychological expertise, to assist in assessing and diagnosing patients and planning for their treatment;
Works independently in making complete intake studies of new or readmitted patients;
Provides consultation services for other community agencies to assist them in understanding and working with individual cases;
Attends and participates in in-service training programs for clinic staff and staff members of cooperating agencies;
Takes part in speaking engagements, panel discussions and community meetings concerned with community mental health programs;
Refers patients to community agencies, which can provide necessary services;
Compiles case records and maintains statistical records on case load and work activities;
May administer and score psychological tests within the scope of their professional discipline as part of the diagnostic study of patients;
May transport clients;
Serves as a member of the "On Call" team;
Participates as a member of the emergency crisis intervention team on call after normal office/business hours.

VETERANS CREDITS: Veterans or disabled veterans (including some current armed forces personnel) desiring to claim additional credit must make application for such additional credit at the time they make application for examination or at any time between the date of application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Your eligibility will be determined after we receive this completed application and a copy of your DD214. Candidates who claim credit, but who fail to submit adequate proof of eligibility for such credit by the time the eligible list is established, cannot later be granted credit on such eligible list. **YOU MAY NOT CLAIM ADDITIONAL CREDITS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE LIST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REQUEST THE VETERANS CREDITS FORMS AND TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING PAPERWORK BEFORE THE ELIGIBLE LIST IS ESTABLISHED.**

CREDIT FOR CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty 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 a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty 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 necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

CROSS-FILING: If you cross file for the **12/1/18** examination with more than one civil service agency, you must notify each agency in writing before the last filing date so that arrangements can be made for you to take a single written test for all jurisdictions for which you apply. Please indicate on the cross filing form obtained by clicking here: <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/Crossfile%20Form.pdf> the names of the jurisdictions where other applications have been filed and the location where you wish to sit for this test. Failure to notify each agency may result in disqualification from one or more examinations in the series.

APPLICATION FEE: A fee of **\$10.00** is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. When you are applying online, complete the required fields for payment as noted. As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified. **The required fee must accompany your on-line application, or alternatively be mailed to the Seneca County Department of Human Resources.**

Payments by check or money order must be made payable to Seneca County Finance Department with the examination number(s) written on the check or money order. Do not send cash in the mail. A \$20.00 service charge will be imposed on any checks returned to the Seneca County Finance Department. **Applications not accompanied by the application fee, or such fee is not mailed to the Seneca County Department of Human Resources, will not be processed for this examination.**

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of the application fee is available for individuals who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household; or individuals who are eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments; or individuals who are receiving Public Assistance in the form of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance, or are certified eligible for Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act programs through a state or local social services agency. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete an "Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification" form at this web page: <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/Application-Fee-Waiver%20ADA.pdf> and submit it with your application.

NOTE: Religious accommodation, handicapped persons: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form. All qualified candidates will be notified by mail as to location of exam, time, date, etc. Also, special testing arrangements for active military members are available.

NOTE: This written examination is being prepared and rated by the NYS Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service rules, regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to the written test.

NOTE: Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. However, devices with typewriter keyboards, 'Spell Checkers, Personal Digital Assistants, Address Books,' Language Translators, Dictionaries, or similar devices are prohibited. **Use of calculators is ALLOWED.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

1. To apply online, please visit <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>
2. Before filling out your application, read the announcement for this examination carefully to determine if you clearly meet the minimum qualifications for this exam.
3. Do not interpret a notice to appear for, or actual participation in the examination, to mean that you have been found to fully meet the announced requirements. Depending on the time available before an examination, applicants may be admitted to the examination on the basis of statements made on the application or conditionally, without prior review of the application. Such statements may not be reviewed and/or verified until after the examination is held. At that time, those candidates not meeting the requirements will be disqualified and notified of such disqualification. Those candidates who are subsequently disqualified after taking the test will NOT be notified of their score.
4. Notify this agency immediately of any change of address. When writing, give the title of examination.
5. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification.
6. Applicants must answer every question on the application form and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. An incomplete application may result in its disapproval.
7. The candidate must complete an "Application for Employment" for each open-competitive and/or promotion examination he/she is eligible to take.
8. All experience required to meet the acceptable training and experience is full-time paid experience. (Part-time paid experience will be credited on a pro-rated basis.)
9. Appointment from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment.

Subjects of examination: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. Interviewing

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in obtaining information from individuals through structured conversations. These questions require you to apply the principles, practices, and techniques of effective interviewing to hypothetical interviewing situations. Included are questions that present a problem arising from an interviewing situation, and you must choose the most appropriate course of action to take.

2. Preparing written material

These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

3. Principles and practices of social casework

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices used to provide casework services to individuals and/or families of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances. Questions will test for application of this knowledge in various settings and will include such topics as assessment, monitoring and evaluating services, counseling, referrals, and advocacy.

4. Working with individuals to promote mental health

These questions test for knowledge of characteristics, causes and treatment methods associated with working with individuals who may have mental, developmental, physical, social and substance abuse disorders and/or disabilities. Questions cover such topics as establishing, maintaining and terminating client relationships; recognizing, interpreting, and responding to individual and group behaviors, as well as crisis situations; and facilitating access to essential services such as financial, housing, medical, educational, legal, vocational, and recreational.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at:
<https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>

**POSITIVELY NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE LAST FILING DATE.
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