

Chemung County/City of Elmira Regional Civil Service Commission

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Examination Notice

PHYSICAL THERAPIST TRAINING & EXPERIENCE – OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAM # PTCR1224

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 13, 2024

SALARY: Varies by agency.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR EXAM: There is no residency requirement for this examination.

PREFERENCE FOR RESIDENTS FOR APPOINTMENT: At the appointing authorities request, preference may be given to successful candidates who have been residents of the municipality or district in which appointment is to be made for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of certification and must be a resident of such municipality at the time of appointment from the resulting eligible list.

FOR APPOINTMENT IN SOME JURISDICTIONS, you may be required to become a resident in accordance with law or resolution.

VACANCIES: This examination is being held to fill vacancies, as they may occur at GST BOCES.

ELIGIBLE LISTS: Candidates who meet the qualifications and who are successful in an examination will have their names placed on the eligible list in order of final score. The names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible lists for a minimum of one (1) year and up to a maximum of four (4) years.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four (4) year college with a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy; **or**
- B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered four (4) year college and completion of an approved post-graduate program in Physical Therapy.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: Licensure and current registration with the New York State Education Department to practice physical therapy or a current temporary permit pending the granting of a license by that department.

JOB DESCRIPTION: This is a professional position involving responsibility for providing direct physical therapy services to patients upon referral from a licensed physician who provides medical direction. The work is performed under general direction and supervision of a higher level physical therapist, if available, otherwise, the Facility's medical director.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: The only subject of 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, 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. Specify the date that your license was first issued.

In your summary of experience, you must specify the dates of your employment, in 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.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TEST/BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Candidates being considered for appointment may be required to pass a pre-employment drug test and/or undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to pass the pre-employment drug test or to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Applications: A regular application form must be filed for each separate examination. The applicant should make sure that every question is answered and that the application is complete in all respects. An incomplete application may be disapproved. There is a \$15.00 non-refundable exam fee (the fee for Uniformed Protective Services exams is \$20.00). The fee must be paid at the time the application is filed and must be paid in cash, check or money order, made payable to the Regional Civil Service Commission. There is a \$30.00 fee for returned checks with non-sufficient funds. Before filling out your application, read carefully the announcement for this examination. When completing your application be sure to enter, at the top of page 1, the examination number which identifies the examination for which you are filing. Applications postmarked after midnight of the "Last Filing Date" will not be considered eligible for this examination.

Waiver of Exam Fee: The exam fee may be waived for the following reasons:

- You are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of your household.
- You are receiving financial assistance from the Department of Social Services. Applications and Waiver of Application Fee forms are available at the Chemung County/City of Elmira Regional Civil Service Commission, P.O. Box 588, 203 Lake Street, Elmira, New York 14902-0588. Telephone: (607) 737-2915. When submitting your waiver form, please provide proof of eligibility, such as a check stub or benefit card.

Qualification Process: Upon review of applications, candidates will either be disqualified or conditionally approved. Disqualified candidates will be afforded the opportunity to submit facts in opposition to disqualification. Statements in the applications of conditionally approved applicants may be investigated at a later date. The Regional Commission may refuse to certify an eligible after examination pursuant to Section 50.4 of Civil Service Law who is found to lack any of the established requirements for admission to the examination or for appointment to the position for which he applies. No person shall be disqualified pursuant to this subdivision unless he has been given a written statement of the reasons therefore and afforded an opportunity to make an explanation and to submit facts in opposition to such disqualification.

Admission to the Exam: Accepted candidates will receive an admission letter which tells when and where to appear for the exam. No one will be admitted to the examination without the official admission letter. If an application is rejected, a disapproval letter will be sent to you. The Regional Civil Service Commission does NOT make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application; however, you should contact the Regional Civil Service Commission if you do not receive a notice within three (3) days of the examination informing you whether or not you are to be admitted to the examination.

Multiple Exams on the Same Day: Qualified candidates may take a combination of examinations being given on the same date. Prior to submitting applications for multiple exams, you may check with the Civil Service office for the maximum time allowance to complete all of the exams.

Religious Accommodation: Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, check the area on the examination application (page 1, C) "Religious Accommodation". We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date.

Veterans' Credits: Veterans and disabled veterans desiring to claim additional credit must submit veteran's credit forms prior to the establishment of the resulting eligible list. Effective January 1, 1998 the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Active members of the armed forces must provide proof of military status to receive conditional credit. Further information and applications are available at the Regional Civil Service Commission office.

Additional 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 the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

Failing Examination/Failure to Appear: Candidates who fail the examination, or who fail to appear for the examination as scheduled, will be eliminated from further consideration.

Eligible Lists: Unless otherwise specified, the final rank order of the eligible list established, as a result of this exam, will be determined on the basis of the scores received on the written test, plus veterans and seniority credits where appropriate. The resulting eligible list for this examination will remain in force for at least one (1) year and may be extended by the Regional Civil Service Commission for a maximum of four (4) years.

This examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of exams will apply to this examination.

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