



**NIAGARA COUNTY
CIVIL SERVICE
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Personnel Officer*

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CORRECTION SERGEANT

No 76-641 Promotional Examination

Salary Range: \$35.53 - \$36.78

The examination will be held to establish an eligible list used to fill any appropriate vacancies that may occur in the Niagara County Sheriff's Department during the life of the list. **The list established from this exam will supersede any existing list for this title.**

PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXAM:

Three (3) years of full-time permanent competitive status as a Correction Officer with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office immediately preceding the date of written examination.

Eligibility for permanent appointment from eligible list:

Six (6) years of full-time permanent competitive status as a Correction Officer with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office by time of appointment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

SENIORITY CREDIT: Seniority is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service in the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought, with points added to an eligible candidate's passing score for each appropriate five-year period or fraction thereof in accordance with the following schedule:

Less than 1 year	0 points
1 year up to 6 years	1 point
Over 6 years up to 11 years	2 points
Over 11 years up to 16 years	3 points
Over 16 years up to 21 years	4 points
Over 21 years up to 26 years	5 points

NOTE: Any person otherwise meeting the requirements for an examination, who was laid off from an agency for which the exam is being held, and whose name is presently on a **PREFERRED LIST**, is eligible to compete in the exam. When completing their application, such persons should be sure to indicate their present employment and/or title and location of their last permanent employment in the municipality.

DUTIES: The work involves responsibility for the supervision of inmates and for ensuring enforcement of rules and regulations governing security, conduct, discipline, safety and the general well being of inmates and staff in the county correctional facility. Work procedures are well defined but incumbents must be alert to possibilities of emergency situations arising and exercise sound judgment when problems occur. This position differs from that of Correction Officer by virtue of increased level of responsibility and supervisory responsibilities over the Correction Officer. Supervision is exercised over the work of an assigned area. Direct supervision is received from a Correction Lieutenant or Correction Captain with leeway allowed for independent judgment in dealing with day-to-day situations in the facility. Does related work as required.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY OR POSTMARKED BY THE FILING DEADLINE.
YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DISAPPROVED IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE FILING DEADLINE.**

FILING DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

A non-refundable \$25.00 application fee is required.
Apply and pay online or submit a check or money order
payable to: **Niagara County Civil Service**

ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED: August 24, 2021

EXAMINATION DATE

NOVEMBER 6, 2021

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: The use of calculators is **ALLOWED**. Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboard such as computers, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited. **Cell phones and smart watches are prohibited.**

FEE WAIVERS: Waivers for the filing fee must be completed in full and submitted with required supporting documentation or your application will be disapproved.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: There will be a written test which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. The written test will be designed to test for knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **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.
2. **New York State minimum standards for correctional facilities:** These questions test knowledge of the Minimum Standards for state, county, and local correctional facilities that are promulgated by the New York State Commission of Correction in areas such as the admission/discharge, care, custody, movement, correctional treatment, security, supervision, and discipline of all persons confined in these systems.
3. **Coordinating Appropriate Responses to Emergencies, Disturbances, and Other Unusual Situations:** These questions test for knowledge in such areas as: anticipating possible correctional emergency situations, responding to situations promptly and allocating staff where needed; notifying supervisors of situations when appropriate; acting within rules to alleviate problems as quickly as possible with minimum use of force; investigating the causes of incidents; submitting reports on incidents.
4. **Supervising Inmate Correctional Programs, Services, Visitation Areas, and Correctional Staff:** These questions test for knowledge in such areas as: coordinating programs with civilian staff; ensuring that all employees relate well to visitors and guests and answer their questions in accordance with facility rules; organizing and supervising special programs involving outside groups (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.) and ensuring full cooperation from employees. The questions may also deal with such areas as: understanding new concepts and developments in the field of Corrections, and evaluating employees' capabilities and limitations on the job.

A Guide for the Written Test for **First Line Correction Supervisors** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

CANDIDATES NOTE: You are responsible for completing all sections of the official application. To receive credit for experience on a job, basic information such as address, name and title of supervisor, hours in the work week, final salary, and duties performed by you, must be shown. Be very specific in explaining experience that will qualify you for the position sought. Ambiguity and vagueness will not be resolved in your favor. **EACH SEPARATE SHEET ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED.**

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangement for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State Examination Center.

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

Please review **[IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES](#)**