

CITY OF WATERTOWN, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
245 Washington Street, Room 201B
Watertown, New York 13601
www.watertown-ny.gov

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**ANNOUNCES AN OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
EXAM # 45-022**

FILING FEE: **\$15.00 non-refundable** fee. Cash or check or money order payable to City Comptroller accepted. Include examination number on your check. **Credit cards are not accepted.** See general instructions regarding exceptions to the fee requirement. Applicants whose personal checks are returned for insufficient funds will be charged an additional fee.

LAST FILING DATE: Applications must be **received** no later than close of business, 4 PM, **Monday, August 2, 2010**

VACANCIES: The list will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in the City of Watertown School District

SALARY: **\$40,000 to \$50,000**

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: There is no residency requirement for this examination. Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who are residents of the City of Watertown in accordance with Section 23.4(a) of the New York State Civil Service Law and Rule VII(1) of the Municipal Civil Service Rules for the City of Watertown. To be eligible for appointment, an applicant must be a resident of Jefferson County or a resident of a contiguous county.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION: This professional position in the Watertown City School District involves the responsibility for evaluating, planning and providing occupational therapy treatment to students in accordance with a written prescription from a physician who provides medical direction. The Occupational Therapist is responsible to the Coordinator of Special Education. Incumbent does related work as required. **A complete job description is available from the Civil Service Commission.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate must be licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as an Occupational Therapist or a temporary permit to practice occupational therapy pending licensure by the NYS Education Department. Candidate must be in possession of said license at time of appointment.

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 the application, under "Additional Related 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 or documentation indicating eligibility for licensure. Specify the date that your license was first issued.

In your "Work Experience," you must specify the dates of your employment, the 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

HOW TO APPLY: Applications must be filed at the Watertown Civil Service Commission, Room 201B Municipal Building, 245 Washington Street, Watertown, New York. They may be obtained from www.watertown-ny.gov or from the Civil Service Office. Applicants must answer every question on the application and make sure it is complete in all respects. Incomplete applications will be disapproved. Falsification of any part of the application will result in disqualification. **Education and work experience must be documented on the application regardless if the candidate has elected to attach a resume.** All statements made by candidates in their applications are subject to verification. Applications **will not be accepted** past the last filing date of the examination.

APPLICATION FEE: A non-refundable application fee of \$15.00 (cash or check, no credit cards) is required for each examination for which you apply. Fees must accompany your application and are payable to the City Comptroller, Room 203 Municipal Building. No refunds will be made for any reason. If your application is disapproved, the fee will not be refunded. You should carefully review the announced minimum qualifications. Please make sure you meet the minimum qualifications before applying to any examination. Applicants whose personal checks are returned for insufficient funds will be charged an additional fee.

PLEASE READ THE BACK OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

EXCEPTIONS TO FEE REQUIREMENT: Application fees may be waived for any candidate who is either an unemployed head of household or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or public assistance in the form of Safety Net (formerly Home Relief) or Family Assistance (formerly Aid to Dependent Children) from a state or local social service agency. Individuals wishing to claim this waiver must complete an Application Fee Waiver form available from the local Civil Service Office. Claims are subject to verification and if not supported by appropriate documentation are grounds for barring appointment.

VETERANS' CREDIT: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veterans' credit available from the Civil Service Commission. Applications for veterans' credit may be submitted with your application for examination or at any time before the new eligible list is established. Candidates currently serving in the armed forces may apply for conditional veterans' credits in examinations. Candidates who apply for such credit must provide proof of military status. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of the New York State Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions. No credit may be granted after the new eligible list is established.

ADDITIONAL CREDITS 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 addition ten (10) 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 the City of Watertown, please inform the Civil Service Commission at the time you submit your application.

SPECIAL TEST DATE ACCOMMODATIONS: Please see the last page of the application for further information.

SABATH OBSERVERS/DISABLED CANDIDATES/MILITARY MEMBERS: Applicants whose religious beliefs or military service prevent their taking examinations on the scheduled date and disabled candidates who require special accommodations to take the test should indicate the need for special arrangements on their application. Candidates who are called to military service after filing an application should send requests for an alternate test date to the Watertown Civil Service Commission as soon as possible before the test date.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied for any other civil service examinations to be given on the same test date for employment with New York State or any other local government jurisdiction excluding New York City, you must make arrangements to take all the examinations at one test site. If you have applied for both State and local government examinations, you must make arrangements to take all your examinations at the State examination center by calling (518) 474-6470 in the Albany area or toll free at 1-877-697-5627 [press 2, then press 1], no later than two weeks before the test date. If you have applied for other local government examinations, call or write to each civil service agency to make arrangements. You must make your request for these arrangements no later than two weeks before the date of the examinations. You must notify all local government civil service agencies with which you have filed an application of the test site at which you wish to take your examination.

ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION: The Watertown Civil Service Commission does not acknowledge receipt of applications but all applicants are notified of the disposition of their application.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required. Eligible candidates may be required to pay a fingerprint-processing fee associated with this special requirement.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS: Candidates may be required to have a medical examination to determine capability of performing the duties of the position.

RATINGS REQUIRED: Unless the announcement states otherwise, this examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Laws, Rules and Regulations dealing with the 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.

ELIGIBLE LIST: The duration of the eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year up to a maximum period of four (4) years. As employment opportunities arise, appointments from the eligible list will be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment.

**The City of Watertown is an Equal Opportunity Employer and
as such offers equal opportunities for all qualified applicants with no
discrimination as to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin.**

CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 315-785-7733 WITH ANY QUESTIONS. BE SURE TO FILE YOUR APPLICATION PROMPTLY.
THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT: www.watertown-ny.gov