



CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE

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MEDICAL RECORDS TECHNICIAN-#61924

Filing Date:

Applications received by mail must be postmarked no later than **09/13/2019**.

Applications submitted electronically must be completed no later than **09/13/2019 11:59 PM**

Exam Date:

Examinations will be held on **10/19/2019 08:30 AM**

Salary:

\$21.90 - \$24.13 per hour Grade 18 General Unit

Vacancy: Eligible List may be used to fill vacancies which may occur within Cattaraugus County Nursing Homes. There currently exists one vacancy in the Olean facility.

Fee Required: The State Civil Service Law requires our office to collect a processing fee from each applicant. The amount of the fee is **fifteen dollars (\$15)** per applicant for Each examination applied for, payable at the time of filing of the application form, by check (personal or certified) or money order, payable to the "Cattaraugus County Treasurer". Cash Will Not Be Accepted. Applicants whose personal checks are returned for insufficient funds will not be considered as candidates for this exam or subsequent exams until such time as restitution is made. Applicants must record the Examination Number(s) and Title(s) on their checks. Refunds of fees will not be issued to applicants who are disqualified for not meeting the minimum qualifications for admittance to the examination, who file their application after the final filing date or who do not appear for testing on the scheduled test date. Therefore, **Do Not Apply** for an examination if you are not sure that you meet the minimum qualifications. Application fees shall be waived for candidates that are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household or are receiving public assistance. Please contact this office for an Application Fee Waiver Request and Certification Form, or download from our website at:

<https://www.cattco.org/sites/default/files/hr/Application-Fee-Waiver.pdf> .

Residency: Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been, at the time of examination and for at least one month prior thereto, a resident of the jurisdiction in which the vacancy exists.

Duties: This is a technical position involving the assembly, maintenance and retrieval of medical records for residents of a nursing home or patients of a home health care agency. The work is performed under general supervision with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgement in carrying out details of the work. Supervision may be exercised over the work of assigned employees. Does related work as required.

Minimum Qualifications: Graduation from high school and either:

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered two year college with an Associate Degree in medical record technology; OR
- B. Two years of full time paid experience in the preparation and maintenance of medical records and statistics as described in the explanatory note below.*

***NOTE:** Satisfactory medical record experience must have been, either under the supervision of a medical record administrator/librarian; or performed in a health care facility containing at least 60 beds, where the candidates work product was subject to review by periodic inspections or surveys conducted by the NYS Department of Health, and have included:

- A. Coding and indexing of medical diseases and surgical procedures;
- B. Participation in the development, filing and maintenance of health facility medical records;
- C. Analysis and evaluation of medical records;
- D. Development of statistical data derived from medical records used for medical and/or administrative analysis.

Subject of Examination: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. Coding/decoding information - These questions test for the ability to follow a set of coding rules. Some questions will require you to code information by converting certain information into letters or numbers. Other questions will require you to decode information by determining if the information that has already been converted into letters or numbers is correct. Complete directions will be provided; no previous knowledge of or training in any coding system is required.

2. Name and number checking - These questions test for the ability to distinguish between sets of words, letters, and/or numbers that are almost exactly alike. Material is usually presented in two or three columns, and you will have to determine how the entry in the first column compares with the entry in the second column and possibly the third. You will be instructed to mark your answers according to a designated code provided in the directions.

3. Understanding and interpreting written material - These questions test for the ability to understand and interpret written material. You will be presented with brief reading passages and will be asked questions about the passages. You should base your answers to the questions **only** on what is presented in the passages and **not** on what you may happen to know about the topic.

4. Medical terminology - These questions test for knowledge of words, phrases, and abbreviations used in medical diagnosis and therapy. Questions may cover such topics as diseases, symptoms, pharmaceuticals, medical specialties, anatomy, treatment modalities, medical supplies, and medical equipment. Prefixes and suffixes used in medical terminology may also be included.

Test guide: 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 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

Candidates are **allowed** to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited.

This examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Civil Service Department 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 examinations will apply to this examination.

Applications will be accepted up to **September 13, 2019**, and may be obtained from the Civil Service website at: <https://www.cattco.org/human-resources/exam-info#application>.

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PARTICIPATION IN MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS: If you have applied for both State and Local government examinations, you must take all your examinations at the State examination center. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examinations.

If you have applied for another local government examination with **another local civil service agency**, call or write each civil service agency to make arrangements. You must notify all government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of the test site at which you wish to take your examination.

SATURDAY SABBATH OBSERVERS - HANDICAPPED PERSONS: If special arrangements for testing are required, please indicate this on your application(s).

CANDIDATES PLEASE NOTE: Your application for this test is part of the examination process. Applications must be completely filled out with all pertinent information stated. The Commission does not refer to other applications on file for additional information. Applications which do not show training and/or experience to meet the minimum qualifications will be disapproved. Vagueness and ambiguity will not be resolved in your favor.

VETERANS: Disabled and non-disabled war veterans who are eligible for additional credits must submit an application for veterans' credits. Candidates who wish to claim veterans' credits on an examination should request an application and information sheet from the Cattaraugus County Civil Service Commission. Veterans' application forms will also be available upon request at the examination center. The completed forms must be received before the eligible list for the examination is established in order to utilize additional credits.

Effective January 1, 2014, War-time Veterans who previously used non-disabled veterans credits for appointment or promotion and are subsequently certified by the Veteran's Administration as a disabled veteran may again be eligible for additional exam credits. To apply for subsequent disabled veteran credits, complete the Veteran Credit application and check the applicable box, additionally you are required to follow the directions below regarding Disabled Veterans credits.

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. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. *No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list* . 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 Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credits.

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.