State Correction Officer Trainees Posts Offered Starting at \$55,057 No Written Test;

File by Oct.20

Spanish-Language Posts Available

The State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision is accepting applications for Correction Officer Trainees through Oct. 20. The salary is \$55,057.

Appointees who work in New York City or in Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland or Westchester counties will receive an additional \$3,577 annual downstate adjustment. Appointees who work in Dutchess, Orange, or Putnam counties will receive an additional \$1,332 annual mid-Hudson adjustment. The application fee is \$35.

Duties

Under direct supervision, Correction Officers are responsible for the custody and security, as well as the safety and well-being, of incarcerated individuals in state correctional facilities. They supervise the movement and activities of incarcerated

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individuals, make periodic rounds of assigned areas, conduct searches for contraband, maintain order within the facility, and prepare reports as necessary.

They also advise incarcerated individuals of the rules and regulations governing the operation of the facility and assist them in resolving problems. They have a high degree of responsibility for actions and decisions, and play a large role in the rehabilitative process related to the incarcerated population. Correction Officers may also be required to carry firearms.

These positions are located in various facilities throughout the state.

Traineeship

All appointees will be employed as Trainees, with positions also available for Spanish speakers.

Correction Officer Trainees must participate in and satisfactorily complete all requirements of a 12-month program before advancing to Correction Officer.

They attend a paid training program structured in a paramilitary environment at the DOCCS Training Academy, living there Sunday evenings through Friday afternoons for eight weeks. The training program includes academic courses in emergency-response procedures and concepts and issues in corrections. Appointees will also receive physical training to develop fitness, strength and stamina.

They must maintain academic standing, and demonstrate proficiency with firearms and department-approved defensive-tactic techniques, obtain CPR certification and meet physical standards.

Following graduation from the academy, trainees become state peace officers and receive field training for four weeks, then can be assigned to correctional facilities.

Appointees must complete a probationary period of up to 52 weeks. Upon successful completion of that period, Trainees will be appointed as Correction Officers. Corrections Officers must be at least 21 years old, a highschool graduate or have a highschool equivalency diploma. They must be citizens and state residents. Requisites include a fitness test, a medical-standards evaluation and a substance-abuse screening.

Background Check

Candidates also will undergo a thorough background investigation to determine their suitability for appointment as a Correction Officer. Conviction of a felony will bar appointment. Conviction of misdemeanors or violations of law may bar appointment.

Potential appointees will be the subject of a thorough investigation to help determine character and fitness.

There is no written test. Applicants are required to complete a training-and-experience questionnaire online.

For completed information on the positions and on how to apply, visit www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/dashboard-start/correction-officer-trainee.cfm