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New York State Correction Officer Trainee Exam to be Held April 9, 2016
DOCCS Seeks to Recruit a Diverse Pool of Potential Candidates

ALBANY -- In an effort to maintain safety and security, while keeping pace with attrition rates in New York State prisons, a competitive Civil Service exam for the position of Correction Officer Trainee, both English- and Spanish-speaking, will be given statewide on April 9, 2016.

Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci said, "Through attrition every month DOCCS loses good, hard working, men and women in all levels of our security staff ranks. Since safety and security is our number one goal, it is vitally important that with a diverse group of incoming men and women eager to serve their community and who have been trained at our top notch accredited Training Academy."

Individuals interested in taking April's competitive exam must complete and submit an application with a non-refundable \$35 fee. Applications must be postmarked by February 24, 2016. Interested individuals may also apply online. Additional information is available at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/exams>.

At the time of appointment, candidates must be a United States citizen, a New York State resident, be least 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma or GED/HSE, and have no previous felony convictions.

The hiring rate for a Correction Officer Trainee is \$40,590 with an increase to \$42,695 after six months. Upon successful completion of the training program, and a one-year probationary period, the annual salary increases to \$48,889. Pay differentials exist where applicable.

Correction Officers also receive a health insurance program, benefits package, retirement program and multiple opportunities to grow within the Department.

The Albany Training Academy, where potential Correction Officer Trainees will be trained, is accredited by the American Correctional Association. For more information on the position of Correction Officer, [visit the DOCCS' website](#).

The Department's security workforce oversees 52,269 inmates within 54 facilities and employs 70 Captains, 469 Lieutenants, 1,194 Sergeants, 17,674 Correction Officers, and another 215 Correction Officer Trainees in the training pipeline. New York's modest 5 percent annual turnover rate for Correction Officers confirms job satisfaction.

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