

# CITY OF UTICA

# NOTICE OF VACANCY

THE CITY OF UTICA  
announces that a vacancy exists at the Department of Public Works for

## RECEPTIONIST

**Grade:** CSEA position, Grade 16

**Salary:** \$34,720 - \$38,523 (Annually)

**Classification:** Competitive

**IMPORTANT:** This position will be filled provisionally until such time as it can be filled permanently from an eligible list created based on the result of a Civil Service exam. Any person receiving a provisional appointment is considered temporarily appointed and may be terminated at anytime. Any provisional employee must apply for and take the appropriate exam. Passing an examination and being “reachable” for appointment while requirements for receiving a permanent appointment do not guarantee a permanent appointment; any candidate that is reachable on the eligible list may be appointed permanently. Permanent appointments are subject to a probationary period. Applicants for this present vacancy that are not selected can still apply for the Civil Service exam once posted.

**Distinguishing Features of the Class:**

This is clerical work requiring knowledge of specific office functions and staff where the position is assigned and involving coordination of the prompt meeting of visitors or clients with staff members who are best able to meet their needs. Additionally, employees in this class perform related clerical tasks such as screening telephone calls, taking messages, making extension connections, pulling appropriate files, and maintaining lists of names and addresses of persons who have passed through the reception area on a particular day. The work is performed under general supervision of higher ranking employee in the department. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of employees in this class. The incumbent does related work as required.

**Typical Work Activities:**

Receives visitors, answers telephone calls, and provides requested information or makes appropriate referrals to staff members of the assigned department;  
Operates a telephone at reception desk, takes messages, gives general information and connects callers with proper offices;  
Pulls material from files and makes simple file searches in answer to telephone or visitor requests;  
Performs reproduction and collating duties associated to receptionist duties;  
Performs clerical work including opening and distribution of mail and related files;  
Maintains simple account records concerning matters referred to the office where the position is assigned which may involve operating an adding machine;  
Types letters and memos;  
May substitute for other clerical staff members during absences, lunch breaks, and in the event of illness;  
Does related work as required.

**Required Knowledge Skills and Abilities:**

Working knowledge of office terminology, procedures and equipment; basic computer skills, including the knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Microsoft Outlook, or the ability to learn; ability to greet visitors in a pleasing manner and provide requested information; ability to refer visitors to appropriate staff member after ascertaining their needs; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to type accurately at an acceptable rate of speed; ability to deal courteously and effectively with the public both in person and on the telephone; ability to operate simple office and calculating equipment; ability to write legibly; clerical aptitude.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Graduation from High School or a High School Equivalency Diploma and one (1) year of clerical experience either as a receptionist or in providing information in person and on the telephone to the public and employees, which shall have involved typing.

**Applications:**

Applications for this position must be received in the Civil Service Office by: Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Applications for this position may be obtained from the Utica Civil Service Office in City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1 Kennedy Plaza, Utica, NY 13502 or at [www.cityofutica.com](http://www.cityofutica.com).

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