

**Onondaga County
Center for Forensic Sciences
Forensic Laboratories**

100 Elizabeth Blackwell Street
Syracuse, New York 13210



The Onondaga County Health Department is currently accepting applications for the position of:

Forensic Scientist (Biology) I, II or III

Location: Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences-Forensic Laboratories
100 Elizabeth Blackwell Street
Syracuse, NY 13210

Salary: \$69,059-93,050.

Hours of work: 35 hours per week

Please submit a cover letter and resume. Official job description, including minimum qualifications, can be found on the Personnel page at www.ongov.net.

Name and Address where Applications/Resumes should be directed:

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DESCRIPTION

Forensic Scientist (Biology) I, II, or III

The Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences is seeking to fill a full-time Forensic Scientist I, II, or III position. The level to which the position will be filled will be dependent on the qualifications of the individual hired. The Center for Forensic Sciences is a full-service ANAB accredited forensic laboratory outfitted with state of the art equipment and technology. The Forensic Laboratories provide high quality scientific laboratory services in support of the administration of justice and public safety programs for the citizens of Onondaga and surrounding counties. Onondaga County is located in the heart of the Finger Lakes region in upstate NY. The laboratory is located in city of Syracuse, within a five-hour drive from New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Toronto and Montreal.

Job Duties:

The work involves responsibility for collecting evidence, performing scientific testing and analyses of unknown biological substances/DNA and evidentiary material required in criminal investigations, preparation and presentation of findings in notes and written reports, serving as an expert witness in court, performing technical review of casework and performing quality control and quality assurance related tasks. Full job specifications are available here: www.ongov.net. All work is performed in

accordance with Federal and State accreditation requirements and departmental procedure manuals and guidelines.

Minimum Qualifications:

****Candidates not meeting the minimum qualifications as listed below will not be considered****

Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees within the last ten (10) years with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or a closely related field, which must include or be supplemented by a minimum of nine (9) semester or equivalent hours of coursework (graduate/undergraduate) covering the following subject areas: biochemistry, genetics, and molecular biology, or other subjects which provide a basic understanding of the foundation of forensic DNA analysis. NOTE: *Statistics/population genetics, biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology must be the primary component of the classes or courses; coursework completed with titles other than those listed may demonstrate compliance through submission of a student transcript, letter from university professor verifying course content, or a course syllabus The DNA training program previously offered by the FBI Laboratory, with graduate credit hours from the University of Virginia, may be applied toward the molecular biology coursework requirement associated with this standard. Statistics/population genetics training or coursework may be satisfied through internal or external mechanisms.

And (for levels above Forensic Scientist (Biology) I:

- Two (2) years of full-time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Forensic Scientist (Biology) for the Forensic Scientist II position or
- Five (5) years of full-time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Forensic Scientist (Biology) for the Forensic Scientist III position

NOTE: **For the Forensic Scientist (Biology) III only:** Education may be substituted for experience as follows: A Master's Degree or a Doctorate Degree (Ph.D.) in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or a closely related field can be substituted for one (1) year of the required work experience.

Candidates considered for appointment will be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation which will include a fingerprint check to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

Salary and Benefits:

The salary range for the position is \$69,059-93,050. depending on qualifications and experience, with scheduled annual increases and a competitive benefits package:

- Medical, dental and vision coverage
- Annual vacation, sick, personal leave and paid holidays
- New York State Retirement/Pension and Deferred Compensation Program
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- No-cost Long Term Disability
- 35-hour work week
- Optional 4-day work week

How to apply: Submit: a cover letter detailing qualifications meeting the above requirements, resume, unofficial transcript and completed application (P-200), found on the Onondaga County Personnel website, and email all documents to: LaurenPyland@ongov.net

Deadline for applications: February 7, 2025

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