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

Latent Print Examiner I, II or III

Location: Onondaga County Health Department
421 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

Salary: $66,909-$86,817.

Hours of work: 35 hours per week

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

Name and Address where cover letters/resumes/transcripts should be directed:

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Located in the center of New York State, Onondaga County is home to the City of Syracuse. We are within a 5-hour drive from New York City, Toronto, Boston, Philadelphia, and the Adirondack Mountains, and are conveniently situated at the intersection of Interstate 81 and the New York State Thruway.

Our four-season climate provides warm summers for boating on the Finger Lakes, vivid fall foliage in our surrounding countryside, blankets of snow for winter sports enthusiasts, and budding springtime shopping and dining in our unique lakeside villages of Skaneateles, Cazenovia, and Geneva.

The Central New York (CNY) region is home to 35 higher education institutions including Syracuse University. This network plays a part in CNY's rich innovation and entrepreneurial opportunities. Syracuse is also known as one of the top green cities in the US, and is named one of the most affordable cities to live in the US.

From tech, the arts, cultural events, and beautiful natural surroundings to sports and seasonal outdoor activities, Onondaga County is a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

The Onondaga County Forensic Laboratories 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 County. In addition to being a state-of the art facility, the Forensic Laboratories is an inviting place to work, with regular opportunities for team building and social engagement. The Laboratories staff are actively engaged in outreach with the community and with local schools. The office is located in the Wallie Howard Jr. Center for Forensic Sciences facility that also houses the county's Medical Examiner's office.

JOB DUTIES
The work involves responsibility for processing items of physical evidence for the purposes of developing latent print friction ridge detail (fingerprints, footprints, palm prints) using various physical and chemical methods. These latent prints are permanently recorded through the use of digital photography. An employee in this class determines the best technique to develop each specific print and may, if appropriate, conduct comparisons of latent or patent prints to known prints. In addition, the work involves explaining analysis to a jury and providing demonstrations/visual displays. General supervision is received from the Senior Latent Print Examiner. Does related work as required. All work is performed in accordance with Federal and State accreditation requirements and departmental procedure manuals and guidelines.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Open Competitive

Level I:

A) 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 closely related field, or;

B) Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or closely related field and employment in a technical position in a Forensic Laboratory for six (6) months within the last five(5) years.

Level II:

Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or a closely related field and two (2) years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Latent Print Examiner.

Level III:

Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or a closely related field and five (5) years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Latent Print Examiner.

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

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

Applicants 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 $66,909 to $861,817., 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

Application deadline: December 18, 2026

Onondaga County does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, citizenship, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, conviction record, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, pregnancy, or sexual orientation.

Onondaga County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer