

The Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences is currently accepting applications for the position of:

Senior DNA Scientist

Location: Center for Forensic Sciences – Forensic Laboratories

Salary: \$78,060 - \$103,482

Hours of work: M-F, days

The Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences is seeking to fill a full-time Senior DNA Scientist position. 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 the 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 and administrative reviews of casework and performing quality control and quality assurance related tasks. Under the general supervision of the Laboratory Director, an employee in this class is responsible for supervising, training and performing work varying in complexity and responsibility in the areas of criminalistics and forensic science. Supervision is exercised over a small number of forensic scientists. Full job specifications are available here: [Senior DNA Scientist](#). 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 with a Master's Degree in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or a closely related field, which must have included or supplemented by a minimum of twelve (12) semester or equivalent hours of coursework (undergraduate/graduate) covering the following subject areas: biochemistry, genetics, and molecular biology, statistics/population genetics, or other subjects which provide a basic understanding of the foundation of forensic DNA analysis, and five (5) years of paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, in a forensic laboratory performing work equivalent to a Forensic Scientist (Biology). **NOTE:** Education may be substituted for experience as follows: 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. 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.

Submit a cover letter detailing qualifications meeting the above requirements, resume, unofficial transcript and completed application documents found on the Onondaga County Personnel website: [P-200](#) & [P-202](#)

Email all documents to: Debbie Mickle, Director of Operations at: DebbieMickle@ongov.net by **January 19, 2021**.

or

via USPS mail:

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