

# Onondaga County, New York is hiring: Forensic Scientist (Forensic Biology/DNA) I, II, or III

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.



Chittenango Falls State Park



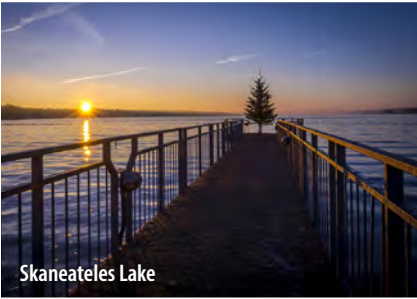
Green Lakes State Park



Syracuse University



Syracuse University Athletics



Skaneateles Lake



Evening in Clinton Square, Downtown Syracuse (ice rink during the wintertime)

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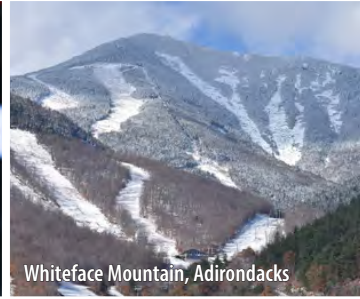
Onondaga Lake Park



Empower FCU Amphitheater at Lakeview



JMA Wireless Dome, SU Athletics



Whiteface Mountain, Adirondacks



Mirror Lake, Adirondack Mountains



New York City



Niagara Falls



Finger Lakes Wine Trail

# POSITION AVAILABLE

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## FORENSIC SCIENTIST (FORENSIC BIOLOGY/DNA)

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. The Forensic Laboratories is an inviting place to work with regular opportunities for team building, social engagement and community outreach. 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 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: [Forensic Scientist I](#), [Forensic Scientist II](#), and [Forensic Scientist III](#). All work is performed in accordance with Federal and State accreditation requirements and departmental procedure manuals and guidelines.

### 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, in addition course work in statistics and/or population genetics must be completed for the Forensic Scientist I position and,

- 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: 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 for the Forensic Scientist III position.

### BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

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 \$67,048- \$90,340 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 & Deferred Compensation Program
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Optional 4-day Work Week (work weeks are 35 hours)

### TO APPLY - DEADLINE: 10-11-2024

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, transcript(s), employment application ([P-200](#)) and criminal background questionnaire ([P-202](#)) to: Lauren Pyland, Director of Operations at [LaurenPyland@ongov.net](mailto:LaurenPyland@ongov.net)



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