

# Onondaga County, New York is hiring: Forensic Chemist (Criminalistics) 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



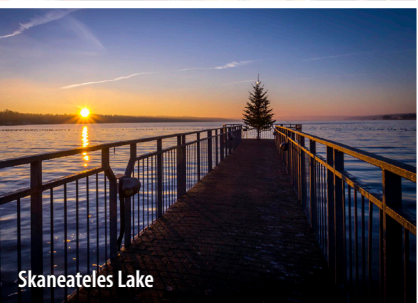
Green Lakes State Park



Syracuse University



Syracuse University Athletics



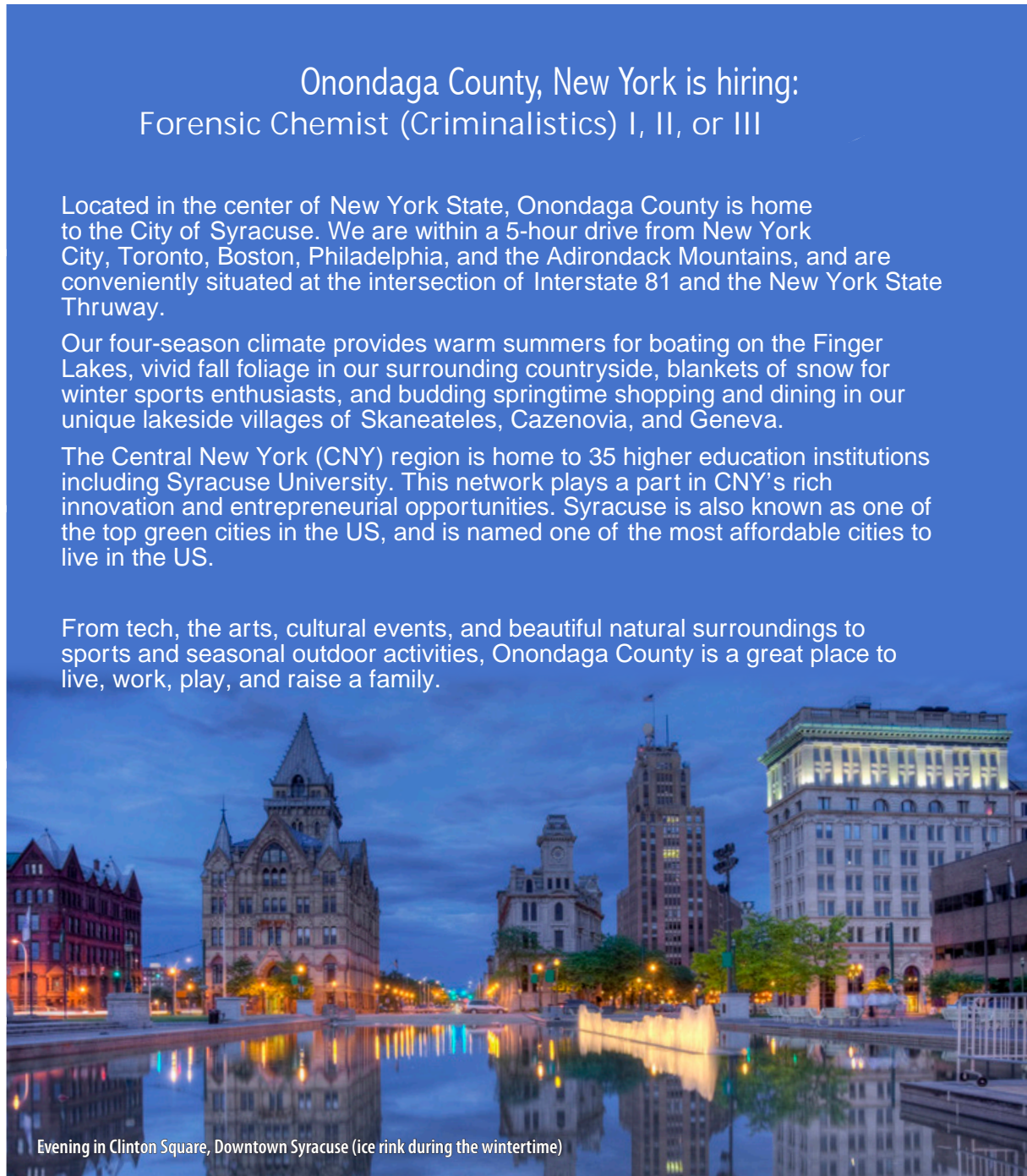
Skaneateles Lake



Onondaga Lake Park



Mirror Lake, Adirondack Mountains



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

## SYRACUSE THE HEART OF NEW YORK



St. Joseph's Health Amphitheater at Lakeview



Carrier Dome, SU Athletics



Whiteface Mountain, Adirondacks



New York City



Niagara Falls



Finger Lakes Wine Trail

# POSITION AVAILABLE Forensic Chemist (Criminalistics)

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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 performing chemical tests and analyses in the evaluation of physical evidence. Under the technical supervision of a senior level Forensic Chemist, with administrative direction from the Director of Laboratories, an employee in this class performs technical, scientific work in the conduct of analytical and laboratory procedures utilized in crime detection, which may include the chemical analysis and identification of drugs and trace evidence. An employee in this class typically reduces conclusions and findings to writing in the form of reports and appears as an expert witness during litigation. An employee in this class operates a variety of scientific instruments in performing chemical analyses. The Forensic Chemist III may assist administrative supervisors in developing operating procedures, training programs for staff and user agency personnel, casework management and maintaining quality assurance programs. General supervision is received from the Senior Forensic Chemist (Criminalistics). Does related work as required. 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\*\***

Level I: 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 years with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science, forensic science, criminalistics or a closely related field which must have included a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours in chemistry

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 which must include a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours (graduate/undergraduate) in chemistry, and two (2) years of full time paid technical level work experience, or its part-time equivalent, in a forensic laboratory performing work equivalent to a Forensic Chemist (Criminalistics).

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 which must include a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours (graduate/undergraduate) in chemistry, and five (5) years of full time paid technical level work experience, or its part-time equivalent, in a forensic laboratory performing work equivalent to a Forensic Chemist (Criminalistics).

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

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

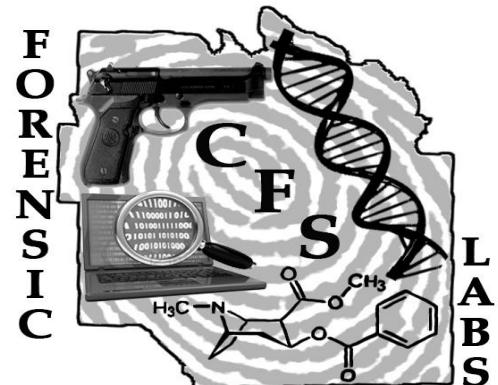
The salary range for the position is \$63,068-\$81,833 depending on qualifications and experience, with scheduled annual increases, and a competitive benefits package:

- Medical, dental and vision coverage
- Annual vacation, sick, personal leave, and paid holidays
- New York State Retirement/Pension and Deferred Compensation Program
- Optional 4-day workweek (workweeks are 35 hours)

## TO APPLY - DEADLINE: 4-21-2024

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

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