

**EXAMINATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**  
**EXAM #DEC-10-31 (OC)**

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED CONTINUOUSLY**

**A NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE PROCESSING FEE**  
**MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION**  
**\$15.00 MONEY ORDER ONLY -- PAYABLE TO ONEIDA COUNTY**

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**STARTING SALARY/RANGE:** \$ 34,528-34,753 Oneida Herkimer BOCES  
\$ 35,657 Madison Oneida BOCES  
Other Civil Divisions May Vary

**VACANCIES:** The eligible list, established as a result of this examination, will be used to fill existing vacancies and any other appropriate vacancies which may occur in this title under the jurisdiction of the Oneida County Commissioner of Personnel.

**RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXAMINATION: NONE**

When preference in certification is given to residents of a municipality pursuant to subdivision 4-a of Section 23 of the Civil Service Law, an eligible must have been a resident of such municipality for at least one month prior to the date of certification in order to be included in a certification as a resident of such municipality and must be a resident of such municipality at the time of appointment.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Possession of a New York State temporary permit\* to practice **OR** a current valid New York State license as an Occupational Therapist.

\*A temporary appointment may be made up to the duration of the temporary permit **or** receipt of the Occupational Therapist license.

**NOTE:** 1. Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications on or before the date of the examination.  
2. Further verification may be requested from candidates to verify their academic qualifications.  
3. Candidates **must submit** a copy of permit or license with application.

**DUTIES:** This is a professional position involving responsibility for evaluating, planning, and providing occupational therapy intervention to clients. Work is performed in accordance with a written prescription or referral from a physician or nurse practitioner who provides medical direction. Incumbent performs related work as required.

**SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION:** The only subject of examination will be an evaluation of your training and experience. You are, therefore, asked to submit with your application a detailed summary of all pertinent training and experience, so that your background may be evaluated against the duties of the position.

In your **SUMMARY OF TRAINING**, include all college course work, formal in-service training, and seminars you have attended. You must specify either the number of credits received or the number of contact hours and dates of documentation indicating eligibility for licensure. Specify the date that your license was first issued.

In your **SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE**, include a comprehensive description of each relevant position you have held and the duties of the position. Where applicable, indicate the percentage of time spent in performing specific duties. You must specify the dates of your employment, the number of hours worked per week, your title, and the main duties for each. Be specific. Vagueness and ambiguity will not be resolved in your favor.

**ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Candidates who meet the qualifications, and pass this examination, will have their names placed on the Eligible List, in the order of final scores, regardless of the date on which they filed or took the test. The names of qualified candidates will remain on the Eligible List for one year. Appeal of ratings will not be allowed, as the opportunity for re-test exists.

**CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the responsibility of candidates to provide all necessary documentation and to complete all relevant parts of the application. To receive credit for experience—either qualifying or against a rating scale—they must show basic information such as employer name and address, name and title of supervisor, hours worked per week, dates of employment to include month and year started and ended, etc. A copy of a verifiable transcript

for required education and a **copy of the required license or professional certificate must be submitted**. All information must be submitted on and with your application. Candidates who submit incomplete applications and documentation may be disqualified.

**TERMINATION OF THE PROGRAM:** Oneida County Department of Personnel reserves the right to terminate this special recruitment program at any time, and re-establish a program of periodic testing for this title.

### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **APPLICATIONS:** Unless otherwise indicated on this announcement, the candidate will complete one "Oneida County Application for Employment" form for each examination he/she wishes to take. **NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Applicants must answer every question on the application form, and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISAPPROVED.** All applications shall be filed with the Oneida County Dept. of Personnel. This office reserves the right to reject all applications received after the last filing date.
2. **ADDRESS CHANGE:** Failure to notify this office of a change of address may result in disqualification for examination or certification for appointment following examination. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.
3. **RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS/DISABLED PERSONS/MILITARY MEMBERS:** Please indicate on your application if special arrangements for testing are needed. Military Services Members: See instructions and information E on application.
4. **ALTERNATE TEST DATES:** In certain circumstances that fall under the Alternate Test Date Policy established by this department, an alternate test date may be arranged.
5. **EMERGENCIES:** If an emergency prevents you from appearing for the examination please notify this office no later than 10:00 AM on the Monday following the test date. (Tuesday, if Monday is a holiday), providing verifiable documentation of the reason.
6. **VETERANS:** See instructions and information F on application.
7. **ADMISSION NOTICE:** See instructions and information C on application. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR ADMISSION NOTICE THREE DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE WRITTEN OR PERFORMANCE TEST, NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**
8. **ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment. The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year and a maximum period of four (4) years. Changing conditions may make it advisable to certify to future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.
9. **COLLEGE DEGREE/CREDIT:** If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies providing this service may be obtained in person from the Oneida County Department of Personnel, by mail (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope) OR on the New York State Department of Civil Service web site: [www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm) . You will be responsible for the required evaluation fee.
10. Federal and State Law prohibit discrimination because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status or genetic predisposition or carrier status.
11. This examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules, and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.
12. **ADDITIONAL CREDIT:** In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, **children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty** shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

13. **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:** Applicants may 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.
14. **APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a “Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification” form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. If you can not download this form by clicking on its title, the form is available at the Oneida County Department of Personnel, 800 Park Avenue, Utica, NY 13501. You may also call (315) 798-5726 or write to the Oneida County Department of Personnel to request a copy.**
15. **EXAMINATION ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Failure to appear for two (2) consecutive examinations administered by Oneida County Civil Service within an 18 month period will result in disqualification for future examination for a two year period. (per Oneida County Civil Service Rule IX)

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