



NIAGARA COUNTY JOB POSTING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TITLE/POSITION #: Forensic Scientist I (Biology)

PAY RATE: \$30.11 - \$35.29/hour

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Sheriff's Office

WORK LOCATION: Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory

STATUS: Permanent

DESCRIPTION: The work involves responsibility for collecting evidence, performing scientific testing and analyses of unknown biological substances and evidentiary material required in criminal and civil investigations and autopsies, preparation and presentation of findings in written reports and serving as an expert witness in court. Under the direct supervision of the Senior Forensic Criminalist, the Forensic Scientist I (Biology) will receive extensive on the job training in the specialized areas of forensic biology and DNA analysis. All work is performed in accordance with federal and state accreditation requirements and departmental procedure manuals and guidelines. Does related work as required..

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and 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 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, or other subjects which provide a basic understanding of the foundation of forensic DNA analysis and one (1) of the following:

1. Successful completion of an internship with a minimum of one-hundred (100) hours in a Forensic Laboratory; OR

2. Employment in a technical position in a Forensic Laboratory for six (6) months within the last five (5) years.

***Note: Biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology must be the primary component of the classes or courses; coursework completed with titles other than those listed may demonstrate compliance through submission of a student transcript, letter from university professor verifying course content, or a course syllabus The DNA training program previously offered by the FBI Laboratory, with graduate credit hours from the University of Virginia, may be applied toward the molecular biology coursework requirement associated with this standard. Statistics/population genetics training or coursework may be satisfied through internal or external mechanisms.**

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

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.

Note: Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been granted a one-time residency waiver to fill this position if the most qualified candidate resides outside of Niagara County. Residents outside Niagara County are welcome to apply.

DATE POSTED: 02/18/21 DEADLINE: 03/03/21

APPLY ELECTRONICALLY AT: <https://niagara-portal.mycivilservice.com/>

OR SUBMIT PAPER APPLICATIONS TO:

Niagara County Human Resources

111 Main Street – Suite G2, Lockport, NY 14094

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