

The Onondaga County Health Department is currently accepting applications for the position of:

Environmental Health Technician I

Location: Onondaga County Health Department
421 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

Salary: \$53,998

Position schedule: 35 hours/week, Monday-Friday, generally 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Resumes should be directed to:

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The Onondaga County Health Department is seeking a qualified candidate for an Environmental Health Technician I (EHT I) position. The position is available within the Division of Environmental Health's Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Program. This position involves approximately 80% of time spent in the field performing inspections at regulated facilities.

Responsibilities of the EHT 1 in the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Program include:

- Performing compliance checks, with minor volunteers under 21 yrs of age, at each facility that sells tobacco and vape products in Onondaga County in order to determine if they are selling to minors.
- Recruiting and training youth volunteers for the program.
- Entering inspection data into electronic forms and working within NYS databases.
- Prepare enforcement documents, schedule hearings, and testify at hearing for facilities that sell to minors (Note: hearings are informal).
- Provide education to tobacco/vape facilities regarding their obligations under the law.
- Inspect tobacco/vape facilities for other legal requirements such as current tobacco/vape registration and proper signage.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Associates Degree or higher including or supplemented by a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credit hours in natural sciences of which not more than six (6) hours may be in the applied sciences; or,
- B. Successful completion of sixty (60) semester credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees including a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credit hours in natural sciences of which not more than six (6) credit hours may be in the applied sciences.

Note: The term natural science means science such as biology, chemistry or physics that deals with the objects phenomena, or laws of nature and the physical world. It includes all physical and biological sciences.

The term applied sciences means science based courses in environmental technology, sanitation technology, medical technology, public health, infection control, or food science.

Other Requirements: Must have a valid New York State Driver's license and vehicle to travel between inspection sites and transport necessary equipment and supplies.

Permanent Appointment:

The chosen candidate will be appointed permanently upon successful completion of a one year probation period through the NYS HELP program.

Deadline for applications: July 1, 2026.