



Ontario County Department of Human Resources
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Vision: A vibrant community where every citizen has the opportunity to be healthy, safe and successful

Mission: Provide strategic and responsive public services that are fiscally responsible and sensitive to the diverse and changing needs of our community

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

CONTINUOUS CIVIL SERVICE EXAM
(Open to the public)

Exam Number
10-CONT

Applications Accepted Continuously
Training & Experience Examination
Held Periodically

Application Fee*
\$15.00 (Do not send cash)

* **Non-refundable Application Fee must be submitted with the application; paid by check or money order only.**
It is the applicants' responsibility to clearly show that they meet the minimum qualifications for the position.

Pay Rate: Salary varies by location.

Vacancy: The Eligible List resulting from this examination will be used to fill all future vacancies in Ontario County, its Cities, Towns, Villages, School Districts, the Finger Lakes Community College and the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES.

Residency Requirements: Candidates must have been legal residents of New York State for at least one month immediately preceding the examination date.

In accordance with Section 23-4 (a) of the Civil Service Law, **preference in appointment** may be given to residents in the jurisdiction where the vacancy exists. When preference in certification is given, an eligible must have been a resident of such municipality for at least one month prior to the date of certification and must be a resident of such municipality at the time of certification and appointment. Applicants must list a home address to be considered for preference in certification.

Minimum Qualifications: Certification and current registration by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist Assistant and maintenance of such certification throughout appointment.

Job Description: This is a skilled sub-professional position involving responsibility for assisting a Physical Therapist with the treatment and prevention of neuromuscular or musculoskeletal disabilities by the application of direct physical therapy procedures to clients. The work is performed under the supervision of a qualified Physical Therapist who evaluates the client, develops the treatment plan and designates specific responsibility to the Assistant. A Physical Therapist is readily available at all times for direction and assistance. Supervision may be exercised over one or more Physical Therapy Aides. Applies physical therapy treatments to clients or assists in their application under the supervision of a qualified Physical Therapist. Does related work as required.

Background Investigation: Candidates may be subject to a thorough background investigation to determine suitability for appointment. Applicants may be required to authorize access to educational, employment, criminal history and other records check as part of such investigation. Criminal convictions or other offenses are subject to evaluation and may result in disqualification. Applicants will be required to submit the necessary fees for the fingerprint processing, where required.

Subjects of Examination: There will be no written or oral test for this examination. Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will receive a rating based on an evaluation of their training and experience against the background duties of the position.

You are, therefore, asked to include in your application a summary of all pertinent training and experience in sufficient detail 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 attendance. Also include a copy of your professional license or documentation indicating eligibility for licensure. Specify the date that your license was first issued.

In summary of experience, 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. Candidates who submit incomplete applications or documentation may be disqualified.

Any statements made in either the official application or the supplement may be checked for accuracy. Any candidate who claims credit that he or she did not actually earn may be disqualified from this examination.

Applications and further information may be obtained by writing or calling in person at the ONTARIO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, 3019 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua, New York 14424 (585-396-4465). Information may also be obtained by visiting our website at www.co.ontario.ny.us/HumanResources. Completed applications and application processing fee must be filed at the same address, either by personal delivery or by mail.

Applications will be accepted continuously, with the names of successful candidates being placed on the Eligible List within 30 days. Candidates will be Ranked on the Eligible List by the order of final scores, regardless of the date on which they applied. A Candidate's name will remain on the Eligible List for a duration of one year. **Candidates may apply for the examination at six-month intervals.**

The Ontario County Department of Human Resources reserves the right to terminate this special recruitment program and reestablish the periodic type of examination.

It is the candidates' responsibility to notify Ontario County Department of Human Resources, in writing, of **address / telephone number changes**. All communication with candidates is done through the U.S. Mail. To be considered for preference in certification based on residency, be sure to include the city and/or town/village and school district you live in.

The required **NON-REFUNDABLE application processing fee** must accompany your application at time of submission. Your application will not be reviewed against the requirements for the examination without the required processing fee. If your application is disapproved, the processing fee will not be returned to you. (If you file for multiple examinations, each application must be accompanied by a separate check/money order.) Check/money order must be made payable to the Ontario County Department of Human Resources and write the examination number on your check/money order. Do not send cash. If you are approved and do not appear for the examination, you forfeit the fee as no refunds will be made. In accordance with Civil Service Law, Section 50.5(b), an exception to the fee requirements will be made only for persons who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household or who are receiving public assistance. A **\$20.00 service charge** will be imposed on any checks returned to the Ontario County Treasurer.

Special requirement for appointment in school districts or BOCES: Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a School District or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

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.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLFP) - The PSLF Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work full-time in public service jobs. Under this program, you may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance on your (Direct Loan) loans after you have made 120 qualifying payments on those loans while employed full-time by certain public service employers. For more information about this program go to: <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

Ontario County is an **Equal Opportunity Employer** and, as such, offers equal opportunities for all qualified applicants with no discrimination as to age, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status, domestic violence victim status or disabilities and, in certain circumstances pursuant to Executive Law 296, conviction record. Any person with a disability requesting reasonable accommodations in order to participate in examinations will be accommodated.

This examination is announced and will be rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law and Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

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Physical Therapy Assistant
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