



**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*

## NURSE PRACTITIONER-PSYCHIATRIC

Continuous Civil Service Exam held in Ontario County  
 (Open to the public)

**Exam Number**  
**43-CONT**

**Applications Accepted Continuously**  
**Training & Experience Examination**  
**Held Periodically**

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

\*The non-refundable **Application and Administrative Fees** must be submitted at time of application (credit or debit card only).

A \*Fee Waiver is available to candidates who meet the requirements.

It is the applicants' responsibility to clearly show that they meet the minimum qualifications for the position.

**Pay Rate:** Ontario County 2020 starting salary: \$77,181.00 (\$39.58/hr.)

**Vacancy:** This examination is being held to establish an Eligible List to fill future vacancies in this title, which may occur during the life of the Eligible List. An eligible may receive only one Permanent appointment from this Eligible List. If an eligible accepts a Contingent-Permanent appointment their name will be removed from the Eligible List only for the department or agency in which she/he received the Contingent-Permanent appointment. Once appointed, there will be a probation period of 8 to 52-weeks based on performance of duties.

Eligible Lists established by Ontario County Department of Human Resources are used to fill vacancies in Ontario County Government, its Cities, Towns, Villages, School Districts, Fire Districts, and public libraries, the Finger Lakes Community College, Geneva Housing Authority, 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.

**Qualifications:** County Values: All employees of Ontario County are expected to uphold and exhibit the County's shared values and behaviors to achieve the County's Vision and Mission.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Possession of a current license and registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State AND possession of a current New York State certification as a Nurse Practitioner (Psychiatric) AND three (3) years of full-time paid clinical experience, or its part-time equivalent, providing mental health diagnosis and treatment.

**Note:** Advanced education degree received, in a program or specific field noted above, will be accepted in lieu of the minimum education noted.

**Job Description:** The work involves responsibility for providing direct mental health care in a public mental health setting in collaboration with a licensed physician in accordance with written practice agreements and written practice protocols in psychiatry. Duties may include the diagnosis of psychiatric conditions and the performance of therapeutic and corrective measures in collaboration with a licensed Psychiatrist. The incumbent assesses the psychological status of patients by means of interview, health history, physical examinations and diagnostic tests. Consistent with the medical protocol established, the Nurse Practitioner-Psychiatric may evaluate test findings, make assessments and initiate appropriate actions to facilitate the implementation of preventive and/or therapeutic plans for the continuing mental health needs of patients. The work is done under the administrative supervision of a higher-level administrator. Duties must be consistent with the designated specialty's scope of practice. Does related work as required.

**Controlled Substance Screening:** When you are offered a full-time or part-time, permanent or contingent permanent appointment at Ontario County, you will be required to complete a controlled substances screening prior to employment.

**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.

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**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.

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Applications and further information may be obtained by visiting the ONTARIO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES website at [www.co.ontario.ny.us/HumanResources](http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/HumanResources).

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 keep their contact information (email address, phone number & USPS mailing address) current. The Address Change Form can be found at the Ontario County Department of Human Resources website: [www.co.ontario.ny.us/HumanResources](http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/HumanResources). To be considered for preference in certification based on residency, you must include the city and/or town/village and school district you live in. All communication is done electronically through the applicant provided email address.

\*The required **NON-REFUNDABLE application and administrative fees** must be submitted at time of application. If your application is disapproved, the fees will not be returned to you. Do not send cash, check or money order. If you are approved and do not appear for the examination, you forfeit the fees 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. The Fee Waiver Form can be found at the Ontario County Department of Human Resources website: [www.co.ontario.ny.us/HumanResources](http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/HumanResources).

**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.

Michele O. Smith Director of Human Resources  Nurse Practitioner - Psychiatric Exam No. 43-CONT Issued: April 15, 2020
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