



**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
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## EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

**EXAMINATION NUMBER:** 32825000 (Open to the Public)  
**LAST FILING DATE:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 (Applications will **NOT** be accepted after this date)  
**EXAM FEE:** Exam Fee Waived  
**NOTE:** This exam is a T&E (Training & Experience Format), there is no written test.  
See Scope of the Exam for more details.

**STARTING SALARY:** \$61,330 per year.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Plans and administers treatment programs for referred patients through the County Health Department Early Intervention Program consisting of therapeutic activities, self-help techniques and assistive devices to prevent, reduce or remedy the disabling effects of illness, injury and birth defects; does related work as required. This is a professional position with responsibility for planning and administering occupational therapy treatment to patients in accordance with physicians' orders or Early Intervention Guidelines, and established rehabilitation goals. Work is performed under the direction of a supervisory occupational therapist or other supervisor with considerable leeway for use of independent judgment in developing rehabilitation programs for individual patients.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** Candidates must be legal residents of Oswego County for a minimum of four (4) months immediately preceding the date of the exam.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Current valid license and registration to practice as an Occupational Therapist in NYS.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Participation in Public Health emergency preparedness drills and responses may be required. Select immunizations may be required at time of appointment or at any time throughout the course of employment according to New York State Department of Health or other oversight agency requirements.

**SCOPE OF THE EXAM:** There is no written exam for Occupational Therapist. The only subject of examination will be an evaluation of your training and experience. 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 your **summary of experience**, you must specify your dates of 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.

**ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:**

- Evaluates patients' physical and/or psychosocial dysfunction as related to need for occupational therapy;
- Plans, administers and supervises treatment procedures involving selective use of creative, manual and industrial arts and crafts, recreational, development, educational and other activities, use of hand splints, assistive devices, and self-help techniques;
- Coordinates occupational therapy with other patient care services concerned with restoration and maintenance of the patients' optimal level of useful function;
- Makes recommendations for transfer of training skill and abilities from one occupation to another more consistent with the patients' present capabilities;
- May work with contractors, designers and architects to provide equipment, furniture or accommodations appropriate for physical handicapped patients;
- Reports to the patients' physician regarding the patients' treatment status and possible need for revision of treatment and rehabilitation objectives;
- Uses Occupation Therapy techniques to prevent or minimize the impact of initial or future impairment, delay in development, or loss of functional ability;
- Keeps accurate records on treatment and makes written reports on patients progress for inclusion in the patients' medical record.

**PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS:** College graduates with student loans may be eligible to have part of their loan paid for after being employed in a full-time position at Oswego County. Additional information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE POLICY:** Application must be submitted to the Oswego County Human Resources Department or through the online portal before the close of business at 4:00 p.m. on the last file date listed on the Examination Announcement. Applications received via U.S. Mail will be accepted only if postmarked on or before the last file date. Applications that are received through inter-office mail, e-mail, or via facsimile must be received before the close of business at 4:00 p.m. on the last file date or they will not be accepted.

**ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Candidates who are successful in this examination and who meet the qualifications will have their names placed on the eligible list in the order of final scores, regardless of the date on which they filed or on which they took the examination. The names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible list for one (1) year.

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ISSUED: August 1, 2025  
Julie A. Bell  
Director of Human Resources

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Applications and additional information can be obtained at the Human Resources Department, Oswego County Office Building, 46 East Bridge Street, Oswego, New York 13126, or by calling (315) 349-8209, or on the web at <http://www.oswegocounty.com/humanresources>.
2. Applications postmarked after midnight of the **Last Filing Date** will not be considered eligible for this examination.
3. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification and possible legal action. Inquiries may be made as to character and ability and all statements made by candidates are subject to verification.
4. Applicants must answer every question on the application form. Incomplete applications will be disapproved.
5. If special arrangements for testing are required (i.e. religious observance, disability), submit written request describing your needs with the application form.
6. Active service members, veterans or disabled veterans desiring to claim additional credit may submit an "Application for Veteran's Credit" prior to the establishment of the eligible list. Forms are available upon request at the Human Resources Department.
7. Military Service members on active duty on the exam date may request a military makeup exam by calling (315) 349-8209. Members on active duty or discharged during the exam filing period may apply for the exam up to ten days before the exam date.
8. Per Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty are entitled to receive ten additional credits on an exam which may result in an original appointment in the municipality where the deceased parent served. Candidates eligible for additional credit should indicate this on their exam application.
9. Candidates who fail the examination, or who fail to appear for the examination as scheduled, will be eliminated from further consideration.
10. This examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of exams will apply to this examination.
11. Unless otherwise specified, the final rank order of the eligible list established as a result of the exam will be determined on the basis of the scores received on the written test, plus veterans and seniority credits where appropriate.
12. The eligible list will remain in force for at least one (1) year and may be extended by the Director of Human Resources for a maximum of four (4) years. Changing conditions may make it necessary to certify future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.
13. Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and CITI: 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 CITI as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.
14. In accordance with the Child Abuse Prevention Act of 1985, candidates for appointment to Oswego County government positions which involve regular and substantial contact with children will be required to complete a State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment clearance form. Failure to complete this form may result in decertification of your name from this eligible list for appointments in Oswego County.
15. 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.