

# City of Ithaca

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## JOB APPLICATIONS WANTED

**TITLE:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee

**LOCATION:** City of Ithaca, NY - Wastewater Treatment Facility

**SALARY:** \$38,671, with subsequent increases to \$48,243  
Upon promotion to Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator,  
the salary range is \$48,087 - \$60,109

**The City of Ithaca values diverse perspectives and life experiences. We encourage people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, women, LGBTQ+, veterans, people with disabilities, and those with lived experiences.**

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** This is a trainee position involving responsibility for learning the duties and routines in the operation and maintenance of a Wastewater Treatment Plant. The incumbent in this position undergoes on-the-job training to become qualified as an operator of a Wastewater Treatment Plant. The incumbent assists in the operation and maintenance of a Wastewater Treatment Plant. Does related work as required.

Employees serve as trainees until they obtain a Grade 3A Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator certificate. Once certified, the employee is eligible for promotion to the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator without further examination.

To view the complete job description visit: <http://www.cityofithaca.org/302/Job-Descriptions>.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. Possession of an Associate's Degree in Water/Wastewater Technology, Environmental Science, Engineering Technology, physical sciences, chemistry, biological sciences, life sciences or a closely related field with similar course curriculum; or
- B. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and successful completion of at least twelve (12) college credit hours of math and/or science coursework; or
- C. Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, which shall have included the successful completion of at least two years of high school mathematics and at least two years of high school science; or
- D. An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A), (B) and (C) above

**Note:** College degrees must have been awarded by, and college coursework completed at, a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education and/or U.S. Secretary of Education. If an applicant's degree was awarded by, or college coursework completed at, an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, the applicant must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found at <https://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. Applicants are responsible for payment of the required evaluation fee.

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**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a valid driver license appropriate to the vehicles or equipment operated. Said license must be maintained for the duration of employment.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** There are no residency requirements for this position.

**APPOINTMENT STATUS AND EXAM REQUIREMENT:** This will be a provisional appointment pending the results of a civil service examination to be scheduled at a later date. Permanent appointment will be dependent upon the candidate's exam score.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

- City of Ithaca application
- Copy of high school and college transcripts
- Copy of driver license

All applications must be submitted electronically through our online application program. We do not accept paper applications, faxed applications, e-mailed applications or photocopies of applications.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Please submit required application materials to:

City of Ithaca  
Human Resources Department  
Web site: <https://ithaca-portal.mycivilservice.com>



We would love to have you on our team! We hope to hear from you soon!

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