

# NOW HIRING

## Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee



**The City of Ithaca is now accepting applications for the position of  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee – Seasonal Position.**

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**Location:** City of Ithaca, NY

**Department:** Department of Public Works – Wastewater Treatment Facility

**Salary:** \$24.82/Hour

**Duration:** June 2026 thru September 2026

**Position Description:** This is a trainee position involving responsibility for learning the duties and routines in the operation and maintenance of a Type 1-A Water Treatment Plant. The incumbent in this position undergoes on-the-job training by assisting in the operation and maintenance of a Water Treatment Plant in order to become qualified as an operator. The term of appointment is limited to one year during which time employees in this class are required to satisfactorily complete the necessary training. Trainees must possess the required minimum grade certificates for a Type I-A plant to which he or she is assigned in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Code for "Assistant Operator" in Section 5-4.2 within one year. Upon successful completion of the trainee appointment, Trainees will be appointed Operators without further examination. Does related work as required.

To view the complete job description, visit: [Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Trainee job description](#).

### **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.

**Special Requirements:** 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.

**Supplemental Information:**

- Computers are available for use by appointment. To schedule an appointment, contact the Department of Human Resources/Civil Service at (607) 274-6539 or by email to [hrdept@cityofithaca.org](mailto:hrdept@cityofithaca.org).
- 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.
- The City of Ithaca is committed to the full inclusion of all qualified individuals. Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the NYS Division of Human Rights (NYS DHR) it is the policy of the City to provide reasonable accommodation when requested without causing an undue hardship. If accommodation is needed, please call (607)-274-6539 or contact us by email using [hrdept@cityofithaca.org](mailto:hrdept@cityofithaca.org).

**Application Materials Required:**

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

Applications will be accepted until May 29, 2026. Submit required application materials to:

**Web site:** <https://ithaca-portal.mycivilservice.com>

**Attn: City of Ithaca**

**Human Resources Department**

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.

**Ithaca is Gorges! We would love to have you on our team!**



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