

Forensics Career Guide

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FORENSIC SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

Collect and analyze evidence in a laboratory and present findings in written reports and courts

EDUCATION

Bachelors

Chemistry/Biochemistry/Biotechnology

Applicable Minors: Criminology, Anthropology



Salary

\$52,840*



Skills & Qualifications

Analytical
Strong science and math skills
Effective oral and written communication
Familiar with forensic science programs
Knowledge of legal processes & court proceedings
Knowledge and experience using laboratory equipment

Job Outlook

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

Research and observe human behavior to identify patterns that predict and explain individuals' reactions

EDUCATION

B.A. Psychology + Ph.D. Psychology

Second Major: Behavioral Analysis



Salary

\$75,000*



Skills & Qualifications

Critical thinking skills
Complete 1,000+ hrs of supervised training
Emotional stability and maturity
Compassion

Job Outlook

12% growth*
2012-2022

FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT

Examine tax and business records to identify evidence of various financial crimes

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Accounting or Business + CPA

Second Major or Minor: Criminology



Salary

\$61,490*



Skills & Qualifications

Effective oral and written communication
Knowledge of credit card fraud, embezzlement, insurance claims, white collar crimes
Experience in law enforcement
Solid organizational and record-keeping skills

Job Outlook

13% growth*
2012-2022

COMPUTER FORENSICS INVESTIGATOR

Investigate computer systems and data for legal cases

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Technology

Second Major or Minor: Criminology



Salary

\$86,170*



Skills & Qualifications

Knowledge of latest technological advances
Effective oral and written communication
Work experience in a computer-related position or law enforcement

Job Outlook

2012-2022

Sources:
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* Indicates national median salary statistic according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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