

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

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Analysis

Strong science and math

Effective oral and written communication

Familiar with forensic science programs

Knowledge of legal processes & court proceedings

Knowledge and experience using laboratory equipment

Job Outlook

Salary

\$52,840*



EDUCATION

B.A. Psychology + Ph.D. Psychology

Second Major or Minor:
Behavioral Analysis

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

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

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Critical thinking skills

Complete 1,000+ hrs of supervised training

Emotional stability and maturity

Compassion

Job Outlook

12% growth
2012-2022

Salary

\$52,840*



EDUCATION

Bachelor's Accounting or Business + CPA

Second Major or Minor: Criminology

FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT

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

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

2012-2022

Salary

\$61,490*



EDUCATION

Bachelor's Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Technology

Second Major or Minor: Criminology

COMPUTER FORENSICS INVESTIGATOR

Investigate computer systems and data for legal cases

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of latest technological advances

Effective communication

Work experience in a computer-related position or law enforcement

Job Outlook

2012-2022

Salary

\$86,170*



Sources:

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

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