



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 skills
Strong science and math skills
Effective oral and written communicator
Familiar with computer analysis programs
Knowledge of legal processes & court proceedings
Knowledge and experience using laboratory equipment



Job Outlook
6% growth*
2012-2022

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

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



EDUCATION

B.A. Psychology + PhD Psychology
Second Major or Minor: Criminology, Applied Behavioral Analysis



Salary
\$69,280*



Skills & Qualifications
Critical thinking skills
Effective oral and written communicator
Knowledge of legal system pertaining to mental health
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

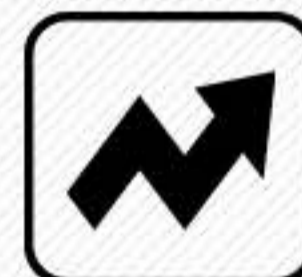
Bachelor's Accounting or Business + CPA
Second Major or Minor: Criminology



Salary
\$61,490*



Skills & Qualifications
Effective oral and written communicator
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 communicator
Analytical and problem solving skills
Work experience in computer-related position or law enforcement



Job Outlook
37% growth*
2012-2022

Sources:
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