

# 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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[http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_nat.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm)

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

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