

A.S. in Science for Forensics

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCIENCE FOR FORENSICS PROGRAM

The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Science for Forensics is designed to provide academic and professional training for students interested in working in forensic science laboratories, or who are planning to pursue careers as research scientists, teachers or medical professionals. This degree draws from many disciplines, including math, physics, criminal justice, technology and psychology. As part of the CUNY Justice Academy, students can transition to John Jay College of Criminal Justice to complete this program at the baccalaureate level.

SKILLS

Math and science skills. Forensic science technicians need a solid understanding of statistics and natural sciences to be able to analyze evidence.

Communication. Forensic science technicians must be able to communicate clearly. During the course of an investigation, they may need to consult with experts in other fields.

Critical thinking. At the lab, technicians not only analyze each piece of evidence individually, they must then put all of that data together to form a picture of what happened at the crime scene.

CAREER INFORMATION

Forensic science technicians aid criminal investigations by collecting and analyzing evidence. Many technicians specialize in either crime scene investigation or laboratory analysis. Private detectives and investigators search for information about legal, financial, and personal matters. They offer many services, such as verifying people's backgrounds and statements, finding missing persons, and investigating computer crimes.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Employment of forensic science technicians is projected to grow 14 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment of private detectives and investigators is projected to grow 8 percent from 2018 to 2028, faster than the average for all occupations.

CAREER PATH

The median annual wage for forensic science technicians was \$58,230 in May 2018. Crime scene investigators may work staggered day, evening, or night shifts and may have to work overtime because they must always be available to collect or analyze evidence. Technicians working in laboratories usually work a standard workweek, although they may have to be on call outside of normal business hours if they are needed to work immediately on a case.

The median annual wage for private detectives and investigators was \$50,090 in May 2018. Private detectives and investigators often work irregular hours because they conduct surveillance and contact people outside of normal work hours. They may work early mornings, evenings, weekends, and holidays.

CAREER COACH – SEARCH CAREER INFORMATION & CURRENT LOCAL WAGE DATA

<https://kingsborough.emsicc.com/programs/science-for-forensics-as/190619>

INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY: www.cuny.edu/apply or 718-368-4600

KINGSBOROUGH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

— ★ DREAMS BEGIN HERE ★ —

**CU
NY**