



Forensic Scientist 0 – Trainee SCT

Professional Development

- Applicable Baccalaureate degree relevant to the forensic discipline + any additional academic course requirements specific to a forensic discipline (ex. Biology)
- Related education and experience may be interchangeable on a year for year basis

COA Forensic Crime Lab Chart of Standards



Forensic Scientist I – Entry SC1

Professional Development

- Applicable Baccalaureate degree relevant to the forensic discipline + any additional academic course requirements specific to a forensic discipline (ex. Biology) **and**
- Minimum one (1) year of discipline specific forensic experience (training or bench work)
- Related education and experience may be interchangeable on a year for year basis

Laboratory Participation

- Documented participation in at least three (3) public or professional presentations (i.e. FI schools, OMI schools, citizens police academy, school groups, philanthropic groups, etc.)

Forensic Participation

- Participation at a minimum of one (1) forensic related professional workshop or conference totaling at least 40 hours of training approved by the forensic Technical Leader **and**
- Membership or application for membership in a discipline specific forensic organization from the SED Director's Approved List

Discipline Expertise

- Completed training in the applicable forensic discipline (APD or other acceptable training program) **and**
- Capable of performing completely independent casework in all respective areas of the applicable forensic discipline **and**
- Satisfactorily competency tested in the applicable forensic discipline **and**
- Satisfactorily proficiency tested in the applicable forensic discipline



Forensic Scientist II – Journeyman SC2

Professional Development

- Three (3) years discipline specific forensic experience + applicable advanced scientific degree **or**
- Four (4) years discipline specific forensic experience + discipline specific certification from the SED Director's Approved List **or**
- Five (5) years of discipline specific forensic experience

Laboratory Participation

- Documented participation in at least ten (10) public or professional presentations (i.e. FI schools, OMI schools, citizens police academy, school groups, philanthropic groups, etc.)

Forensic Participation

- Participation at a minimum of five (5) forensic related professional workshops or conferences totaling at least 100 hours of training approved by the technical leader **and**
- Membership in a discipline specific forensic organization from the SED Director's Approved List

Discipline Expertise

- Satisfactorily proficiency tested in the applicable forensic discipline, with no level I discrepancies within the last three (3) years (according to the APD Crime Laboratory Quality Manual) **and**
- Capable of performing completely independent casework in all respective areas of the applicable forensic discipline **and**
- Successfully testified in a court of law in the applicable forensic discipline



Forensic Scientist III – Advanced SC3

Professional Development

- Eight (8) years discipline specific forensic experience + applicable advanced scientific degree **or**
- Ten (10) years of discipline specific forensic experience

Laboratory Participation

- Documented participation in at least fifteen (15) public or professional presentations (i.e. FI schools, OMI schools, citizens police academy, school groups, philanthropic groups, etc.)

Forensic Participation

- Participation at a minimum of ten (10) forensic related professional workshops or conferences totaling at least 200 hours of training approved by the technical leader **or**
- Publish in a scientific peer reviewed journal, or present at a forensic conference, a discipline specific forensic article, poster, or paper associated with an organization on the SED Director's approved list **and**
- Membership in a discipline specific forensic organization from the SED Director's Approved List

Discipline Expertise

- Satisfactorily proficiency tested in the applicable forensic discipline, with no level I discrepancies within the last five (5) years (according to the APD Crime Laboratory Quality Manual) **and**
- Capable of performing completely independent casework in all respective areas of the applicable forensic discipline **and**
- Cumulative 80 hours of documented training of other analysts, techs, or investigators **and**
- Demonstrates technical and administrative leadership within the section and has the confidence and professional respect of other section members as observed by the Forensic Supervisor. This determination shall not be unduly withheld. **and**
- Discipline specific certification from the SED Director's Approved List

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