

Forensic Science Technician

Median hourly earnings:
\$21.79

Median annual earnings:
\$46,000

Current employment in the DC metro area:
9,800

Predicted growth:
36%, approximately 3600 new jobs

Occupation Description

Forensic Science Technicians collect, identify, classify, and analyze physical evidence related to criminal investigations. They perform tests on weapons or substances, such as fiber, hair, and tissue to determine significance to investigation. They may also testify as expert witnesses on evidence or crime laboratory techniques, and may serve as specialists in area of expertise, such as ballistics, fingerprinting, handwriting, or biochemistry.

General Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required for Success on the Job

- Chemistry
- Law and Government
- Public Safety and Security
- Quality Control Analysis
- Critical Thinking

Education and Training Needed

- Most Common Educational/Training Level: Associate's Degree
- Related Instructional Programs: Forensic Science and Technology

Training Providers

[Montgomery College](#)
900 Hungerford Dr.
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 279-5000

AAS and Certificate Program in Biotechnology

The biotechnology program instructs and trains students in the field of biotechnology. Training prepares students for both academic achievement and successful employment in the biotechnology industry. The program offers both a degree and a certificate.

Tuition:

- In-county: \$99/credit
- In-state: \$203/credit
- Out-of-state: \$275/credit

8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003-3796
(703) 323-3000

General Forensic Investigation Certificate Program

NVCC's one-year program provides an introduction to the forensic investigation aspect of law enforcement and investigation. It provides an overview of forensic evidence, investigation methods, and procedures.

Tuition:

- In-state: \$95.60/credit
 - Out-of-state: \$273.40/credit
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Prince George's Community College

301 Largo Rd.
Largo, MD 20774-2199
(301) 322-0697

Investigative Forensics/Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) Forensic Transfer Studies/Associate of Science Degree (A.S.)

The Associate of Science degree in Forensic Transfer Studies is a recommended program of study for students who intend to pursue a bachelor's or master's degree in forensic science. After completion of both program curricula, students will be prepared in verbal, written, and investigative techniques, analysis of data, and critical thinking skills needed for the constantly evolving forensic science disciplines.

Tuition:

- In-county: \$96/credit
- In-state: \$167/credit
- Out-of-state: \$255/credit