## FORENSIC SCIENTIST

## **AVERAGE SALARY:**

\$65,619

# EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:



#### **RELATED HIGH SCHOOL**

**CLUBS:** 

Forensic Science, Criminal Justice, Community Service Bachelor's of Science (BS)

Degree in Forensic Science,

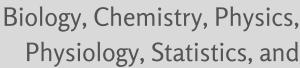
Chemistry or Biology

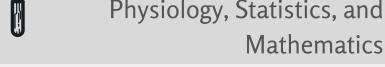
Advanced Education: Master's

Degree or PhD in Forensic

Science

## RELATED HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES:





## **ON THE JOB**

- 1. Review evidence collected by police and detectives to determine what forensic tests can be done.
- 2. If necessary visit crime scenes themselves to view evidence or collect additional evidence.
- 3. Decide which examinations, tests, or analyses are appropriate to determine what occurred at a crime scene.
- 4. Interpret the results from their tests and write a clear, concise report documenting the steps followed to reach their conclusion.
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5. Testify in court about their findings.

## **RELATED CAREERS:**

Forensic Investigator, Criminalist, Crime Laboratory Analyst, ForensicEngineer

- 1. Police Departments in large cities
- 2. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- 3. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- 4. United States Secret Service
- 5. Justice Department

# EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS

### **FUN FACTS:**

- What piece of crime scene data is responsible for identifying over 93% of remains? Dental records.
- DNA testing can take days, even weeks to get results. Even though fingerprint analysis is much faster, DNA testing is worth the wait because it is more accurate.
- Detectives often used bloodhounds to track a scent and lead them to evidence. Scientists are currently working on a machine that can detect these chemical gases and determine where a corpse may be found!