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Forensics Pathways

In the past physical evidence was limited to the examination of fingerprint patterns and spent firearm shell casings. However, with the current advances in molecular biology and forensic science technology, this physical evidence can consist of biological material that can be used for DNA analysis, toxicological material and other trace evidence such as fabric from clothing and soil particles. Because of the results of their laboratory skills and training contribute significantly to a verdict of guilt or innocence, forensic laboratory technicians must maintain the highest levels of ethics, integrity and remain unbiased in their examination and analysis of the evidence collected. Upon successful completion of the Bioscience Forensics program courses, students will receive a Technical Certificate of Credit in Forensics. Forensic Laboratory Technicians will apply their acquired technical laboratory knowledge, analytical skills, ethical responsibility and knowledge of the legal system to further the pursuit of justice according to the law. Recipients of the Technical Certificate have will recognize and appreciate the tremendous responsibility they will have in assisting in the accurate solving of crimes and other matters that require the analysis of physical evidence in matters within the justice system. However, the valuable skills obtained in the program can be utilized in many other scientific and legal positions. The number of jobs in this field is expected to increase by 19% nationally and 9% in the State of Georgia over the next 10 years.

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*All job growth projections and estimated salaries are based on data from Emsi (Economic Modeling Specialists Inc) and are updated annually.

Forensics Certificate

5 Semesters

18 Classes

Careers: Forensic Lab Assistant

Estimated Starting Salaries at \$38,000/year

