



Forensic Science Technicians

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What Is It?

Collect, identify, classify, and analyze physical evidence related to criminal investigations. Perform tests on weapons or substances, such as fiber, hair, and tissue to determine significance to investigation. May testify as expert witnesses on evidence or crime laboratory techniques. May serve as specialists in area of expertise, such as ballistics, fingerprinting, handwriting, or biochemistry.

What Do They Typically Do?

- Getting Information
- Documenting/Recording Information
- Interpreting the Meaning of Information for Others

Annual Income:

- Entry Level: \$40,320
- Typical: \$58,370
- Experienced: \$73,380

Major Employers:

Government

What do I do next?

Learn about the job culture:

- Schedule at least one informational interview
- Conduct a job shadow, if possible
- Research available volunteer or intern opportunities

Prepare for training:

- Visit and call trade schools or colleges that offer a related program
- Research regional job openings at: idahoworks.gov

Explore all pathways to certification:

labor.idaho.gov/jobscape

Talk to your school counselor or advisor for more information

Get started today!

Ask about the career & technical programs at your school or nearby technical college.

Check out Idaho Digital Learning Academy for online opportunities: idahodigitallearning.org

For tips, tools, and resources to learn how your skills and interests can translate to a rewarding career, visit the Next Steps Idaho website.

www.NextSteps.Idaho.gov



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