

CRIMINALIST II

County of Santa Cruz



SALARY: \$7,824 - 9,899 / Month

THE JOB:

Criminalist II is an experienced scientist who performs complex analysis of biological samples for DNA typing in criminal casework and is experienced with the operation of the DNA Laboratory as outlined in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) "Quality Assurance Standards (QAS) for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories".

*Additional responsibilities will include:

- processing of evidence for biological material,
- DNA analysis,
- Report writing,
- Presenting technical information in court,
- Crime scene investigation, and
- General evidence processing in the lab and in the field.

The current vacancy is in the new DNA/Biology unit of the Sheriff's Office Forensic Services Division Crime Laboratory. The Sheriff's Office is adding a Biology/DNA discipline to its Forensic Services Division. The selected candidates will be involved in the design/build, method development, equipment selection, validation, and accreditation.

**DNA Technical Leads and CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) Administrators are encouraged to apply.

THE REQUIREMENTS: Any combination of education and experience which would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying, unless otherwise specified. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in forensic science, criminalistics, natural sciences, physical anthropology, computer science, or a closely related field.

For Forensic Anthropology specialization: an MA or PhD in anthropology with graduate level coursework in human and non-human osteology, forensic anthropology, archaeology, human variation, statistics and dental anthropology is required.

For DNA assignment: a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) or an advanced degree related to biology, chemistry or forensic science is required and must provide evidence of successful completion of coursework covering the following subject areas: biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology; and

coursework and/or training in statistics and/or population genetics as it applies to forensic DNA analysis **AND** three years of experience performing forensic analysis in Latent Prints, Digital Evidence, Biology/DNA, Controlled Substance/Toxicology, Firearms & Toolmarks or Forensic Anthropology or a related field of specialization and crime scene investigation in a local, county, state, and/or federal forensic laboratory or similar setting; a Master's or PhD degree may be substituted for one year of experience.

OR

Three years of experience as a Criminalist I at Santa Cruz County or equivalent.

For **more details** on required certificates please go to our website www.santacruzcountyjobs.com

Paid holidays, excellent benefits and CalPERS retirement!

The County of Santa Cruz offers a generous benefits package which includes annual leave, paid holidays, medical, dental, vision and retirement benefits!

Company

Live and work in beautiful Santa Cruz County!

The County's natural beauty spans from its coastal beaches to its redwood forests. The County also has excellent shopping throughout the local communities and features a lively downtown area in the City of Santa Cruz.

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Last Date to Apply: March 13, 2020