Opportunities Currently Available

Position: Forensic Scientist

Application Deadline: 4/10/2015
Section and Location: BCI - DNA Richfield
Bargaining Unit: 48
Civil Service Status: FOP
Work Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Salary: $22.74/hr to $36.59/hr - Pay Range 12

Basic Duties

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office is currently seeking a Forensic Scientist for the DNA Unit of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Section. This position will report to the Richfield office. The duties of this position include but are not limited to the following:

- Conducts tests on criminal evidence for DNA analysis (i.e., blood, semen and other body fluids and tissues)
- Collects, assists or advises in collection and preparation of evidence
- Uses and interprets results from appropriate lab instrumentation
- Makes conclusions and formulates opinions based on examinations performed
- Prepares accurate reports for use by law enforcement officials and courts
- Confers with law enforcement officials regarding examinations performed and conclusions reached
- Testifies in court concerning evidence examined and analyses performed
- Formulates and implements training activities
- Advises other employees and law enforcement agencies on topics of analysis, court testimony, interpretation of results and reports, and related topics
- Assists or directs investigators with evidence collection
- Gives lectures to community groups
- Keeps current with improved or new methods
- Searches and interprets literature on analytical methods
- Develops new methods and maintains professional liaisons with colleagues in DNA testing and research
- Performs related miscellaneous lab duties
- Performs photographic tasks
- Maintains equipment
- Prepares reagents and other processing chemicals
- Other special projects and duties as assigned

NOTE: A TRANSCRIPT MUST BE INCLUDED WHEN APPLYING FOR THIS POSITION. Transcripts must be in a PDF format and attached to your application before submission. They may be added to your application, in the “Attachments” section of Ohio Hiring Management System, during the “Confirm Application” (Step 4) of the application process.

Unusual Working Conditions

Exposed to caustic chemicals, explosives, odors, firearms, drugs, decomposing tissue and physiological fluids and contagious diseases. May require overnight travel. Required to submit DNA for entry into an elimination database.

Pre-Employment Conditions

Criminal history, drug screen, tax, driving record, polygraph and field investigation. An Internet search may be conducted of publicly available and job-related information through social media or through the use of search engines.

Minimum Qualifications
Bachelor's degree in a directly related science (e.g., chemistry, biology, forensic science, physics, health science, medical technology, etc.). The bachelor's degree and course content must meet the academic requirements of the laboratory's accrediting body. - OR Bachelor's degree with 4 years of training and experience directly related to Chemistry, which includes one year of college level chemistry (ten semester hours, including lab hours, or equivalent), as recognized by the laboratory system director. Position Specific Minimum Qualification: Must meet the academic requirements of the FBI's Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing and/or Data Basing Laboratories which includes coursework in Human Genetics, Statistics, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry.

How To Apply

Prior to the application deadline, apply by following the Ohio Hiring Management System (OHMS) link on this posting. The OHMS site may also be accessed at http://careers.ohio.gov/. Employees of the Attorney General's Office must have been in their current positions for at least 12 months in order to be eligible for consideration. The Attorney General's Office may fill additional, similar positions as a result of this posting.

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