**Forensic Scientist Trainee**

**Controlled Substances**

**Position CF357**

**Salary: $44,472**

**Location: Roanoke, VA**

The Virginia Department of Forensic Science is seeking an individual to train to perform forensic chemical analyses of suspected controlled substances in the Western Regional Laboratory located in Roanoke. Once trained and qualified as a Forensic Scientist, duties of this position will include: 1) use current state-of-the-art methodologies and instrumentation to analyze controlled substances; 2) prepare Certificates of Analyses on findings for use by the criminal justice system; and 3) testify in court as a qualified expert for the Commonwealth at criminal proceedings as to the results of laboratory findings and perform other duties assigned. Position requires occasional overnight travel. Employee will provide own transportation as required.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

* A Bachelor’s degree in chemistry or other related science with sufficient chemistry courses (minimally, general, organic and analytical)
* Knowledge of basic theoretical principles and applications of the instrumentation and methodologies used to analyze controlled substances (e.g., Color Tests, TLC, GC, GC/MS, FTIR)
* Knowledge of laboratory safety procedures; quality assurance/quality control and laboratory practices
* Must be able to maintain accurate records, analyze and interpret data, manage multiple tasks efficiently, establish work priorities, solve technical problems and develop sound conclusions
* Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
* Valid driver’s license required

**Preferred Qualifications:**

* An advanced degree in a related scientific field
* Experience with instrumentation and methodologies used to analyze controlled substances (e.g., Color Tests, TLC, GC, GC/MS, FTIR)
* Experience in an accredited forensic science laboratory
* Experience in forensic drug analysis

**Selected candidates must provide a DNA sample via a buccal swab (saliva sample), be fingerprinted, drug tested, and pass a security background check**

**Commonwealth of Virginia state employees must serve a new probationary period.**

Applicants must apply electronically using the State of Virginia’s Recruitment Management System (RMS). This is an open until filled position with a five day minimum posting requirement. The RMS can be accessed using the link:

<https://virginiajobs.peopleadmin.com> Contact Julie Smith at (804)588-4053 for assistance.

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