**Job ID**

104649

**Location**

Santa Fe

**Posting End Date**

**Agency**

Department of Public Safety

**Full/Part Time**

Full-Time

**Regular/Temporary**

Regular - PERM for State

**Job Posting Type**

Continuous Job Opening

**Salary**

$24.95 - $43.41 Hourly

$51,905 - $90,301 Annually

This position is a Pay Band 85

**Purpose of Position**

THIS POSTING WILL BE USED TO CONDUCT ONGOING RECRUITMENT AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED.

**Why does the job exist?**

This position devotes a substantial portion of time assigning and directly supervising the work of forensic chemists, in the Controlled Substance Analysis Unit, related to the investigation of crimes. Forensic Scientists support the New Mexico law enforcement community in the investigation of crimes by receiving and maintaining physical evidence custody; preparing reports that document their findings; providing expert opinions in their scientific specialization to investigators; and providing expert witness testimony regarding their findings in a court of law.   
  
This position is a working supervisory and responsible for conducting examinations, using chemical and instrumental analyses of substances submitted for analysis and identification in order to identify the presence of controlled substance in the submitted evidence. Common evidence generally consists of assorted powders, crystals, tablets, capsules, liquids, or plant materials. Scientists utilize a battery of screening chemical and chromotographic tests to determine whether controlled substances may be present in items submitted as evidence. Positive identifications of controlled substances are achieved using Fourier-transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) and Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS).

**How does it get done?**

This position will be responsible for:  
  
  - Utilizing a battery of screening chemical and chromatographic tests to determine whether controlled substances may be present in times submitted as evidence;     
  - Analyze assorted powders, crystals, tablets, capsules, liquids, or plant materials to determine whether controlled substances may be present in items submitted as evidence;    
  - Producing formal reports that accurately identify and analyze controlled substance evidence to determine their significance to the investigation;   
  - Presenting the results, conclusions and expert opinions in the scientific analysis of controlled substances;   
  - Providing expert witness testimony regarding their findings in courts of law throughout the State of New Mexico;  
  - Performing quality assurance and quality control to assure quality analysis, evidence integrity, and maintain accreditation standards.

**Who are the customers?**

Law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in New Mexico.

**Ideal Candidate**

In addition to meeting the minimum qualifications, the ideal candidate will have four (4) years of experience working in a forensic laboratory performing scientific analysis of forensic evidence,  one (1) year of independent casework analysis; six (6) years of experience working in a forensics laboratory performing independent scientific analysis of forensic evidence, one (1) year forensic expert witness testimony experience, and three (3) years of supervisory experience.

**Minimum Qualification**

For Chemists, a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry or in Biology or Forensic Science which must include a minimum of 20 credit hours of chemistry coursework.

**Substitution Table**

**No substitutions. Must possess required licensure, certification or registration and required number of years of experience**

**Employment Requirements**

Must possess and maintain a valid New Mexico Driver's License. Employment will be subject to a pre-employment background investigation, pre-employment drug test and random employment drug testing.

**Working Conditions**

Lifting light to heavy objects/equipment, walking, standing, sitting, bending, noise from equipment and instruments, exposure to chemicals and biological fluid stains. In-state travel required.

**Supplemental Information**

Benefits:

Do you know what Total Compensation is? [Please](http://www.spo.state.nm.us/total-compensation.aspx) see the State Personnel Website for more information on Total Compensation

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For information on Statutory Requirements for this position, click the Classification Description link on the job advertisement.

**Bargaining Unit Position**

This position is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.