**Title:  Forensic Chemist I (Drug Identification)**

**Department: IFS-DFW**

**Job Type: Regular Full-Time**

**Location:  Grand Prairie, TX**

**Functional Area: Forensic Laboratory Testing**

**Shift: 1st**

**Schedule: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm**

**Company Overview:**

NMS Labs has developed an extensive menu of more than 2,500 tests to support clients in forensic, criminalistic, public health and clinical fields. For over 50 years, our clients have relied on NMS Labs for unique testing solutions that demonstrate our company core values of Quality, Integrity, Service, Innovation and Engagement. As we work to increase the company’s positive impact on public health and public safety, we are seeking talented professionals to join us for the journey! We invite you to learn more about our company by visiting NMSLabs.com.

 **Job Description:**

NMS Labs is hiring a Forensic Chemist for our Grand Prairie, TX location!  The Forensic Chemist will perform chemical and analytical testing including the isolation and identification of chemical substances in forensic casework samples.  This person is responsible for specimen processing, test performance, reporting of test results, and the quality assurance and documentation of analytical processes.

  Other duties include:

* Handling and sampling of forensic casework samples
* Maintaining the appropriate chain of custody of evidence
* Independently performing analysis of chemical substances utilizing chemical, microscopic, TLC, and instrumental methods to include GCMS
* Generating, interpreting, reviewing, and releasing results
* Performing routine maintenance and basic troubleshooting of analytical instrumentation
* Providing expert testimony
* Performing and maintaining appropriate quality assurance and quality control procedures
* Effectively communicating scientific findings to internal and external clients

The Forensic Chemist must have working knowledge of analytical procedures including a basic understanding of analytical terminology, methods, and theory, and should be able to apply these to forensic cases.  A high level of integrity is required, as well as good organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills.  The Forensic Chemist must have the ability to follow SOPs, as well as compliance standards and safety practices.

**Requirements:**

A minimum of a Bachelor's degree is required; 6 months lab related experience is strongly preferred.

* Degree must be in a chemical, physical, biological science, or forensic science from an accredited university
* Minimum of 16 semester credit hours in college-level chemistry coursework above General Chemistry
* **MUST HAVE**    coursework and labs in General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Analytical (Instrumental) Chemistry
* **MUST HAVE**    3 college-level semester credit hours in **Statistics or be willing to take and pass a statistics course within one year of employment**
* Licensed by the Texas Forensic Science Commission within 1 year of hire, as applicable

**Preferred:**

* ABC certified
* Court testimony experience

**Physical Demands:**

* Ability to hear
* Vision (with correction) including color, distance, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus
* Standing, reaching with hands and arms, and using hands and fingers to manipulate instruments or equipment controls, computer keyboard, office equipment, objects or tools
* Movement from one work location to another
* Sitting and standing, sometimes for extended periods of time
* Lifting objects up to 20 lbs.
* Ability to travel as needed for court testimony.
* Exposure to intermittent or constant sounds generated by equipment
* Exposure to fumes, noxious odors and dust
* Handling of biological material and blood-borne pathogens
* Handling of toxic or caustic chemicals
* Proximity to moving parts

Offers of employment are made contingent upon a nationwide background investigation and urine drug screen with results satisfactory to standards of employment at NMS. **NMS requires all employees to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination**.

**To be considered for this position, please submit a cover letter, resume and official or unofficial transcripts and apply at**    [**http://www.nmslabs.com/careers**](http://www.nmslabs.com/careers)

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