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**Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.**

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**Forensic Analyst – Toxicology (Level I)**

Houston Forensic Science Center is an independent organization created by Houston Mayor Annise Parker and the Houston City Council to provide forensic science services formerly delivered by the Houston Police Department. HFSC has been officially registered as a Texas Local Government Corporation\* since June 26, 2012.

**The Houston Forensic Science Center is now recruiting for a full-time entry-level Forensic Analyst in the Toxicology section.**

***POSITION SUMMARY***

The Toxicology Analyst may independently perform routine chemical analyses of biological specimens in human performance toxicology cases, prepare reports on findings for use in the criminal justice system, and provide court testimony on analytical results. Specific duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

* Performs routine chemical analysis of human biological specimens using chemical and instrumental methodologies to detect and quantify alcohol in biological matrices and liquid. **The analyst is expected to perform alcohol analysis for at least one year before moving on to other toxicological analyses.**
* Prepares accurate and precise notes and technical reports.
* Maintains and calibrates scientific instruments and follows quality control measures to ensure instruments meet required performance standards.
* Reviews work of other analysts and conducts administrative and technical review of casework.
* Performs experiments under supervision to troubleshoot analytical issues and to participate in development and validation of analytical methods as needed.
* Provides technical assistance to police officers, members of the district attorney’s office, and other members of law enforcement agencies, and the criminal justice community.
* Testifies as an expert witness regarding analytical procedures and the scientific conclusions drawn from analysis.
* Partners with management and other staff to ensure other tasks are completed as assigned.

***MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS***

* The position requires a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Toxicology. Master’s degree is strongly preferred. Certification by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology is preferred. College-level Statistics is required.
* College coursework should meet the education requirement for the Texas Forensic Science Commission Toxicologist (Interpretive) license as stated in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part 15, Chapter 651, Subchapter C, Rule §651.207.
* Ability to gain a Forensic Analyst (Toxicologist-Interpretative) license by the Texas Forensic Science Commission will be required upon hire.

***MINIMUM EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS***

* Minimum of one year of progressive work experience in forensic or clinical toxicology laboratory as an analyst or technician using advanced equipment and instrumentation for analysis is required. A graduate degree in forensic science, chemistry, or toxicology may be considered in lieu of experience.
* Experience in operating liquid chromatography and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry systems is strongly preferred.

 ***KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIREMENT***

* Working knowledge and experience with a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) is preferred.
* Experience in operating gas chromatography/liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry systems is preferred.
* Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, specifically Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook, and Microsoft’s cloud-based service, SharePoint.
* Demonstrated ability to work with frequent interruptions and changing priorities.
* Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective communications and working relationships with fellow staff members, internal clients, and external clients.
* Working knowledge of principles, practices, and terminology of analytical chemistry as it applies to the field of forensic toxicology.

***CONTACT INFORMATION***

Interested applicants meeting the job qualification can visit our website, [www.houstonforensicscience.org](http://www.houstonforensicscience.org) to apply.

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