**Title:**Forensic Chemistry Technician

**Department:** IFS- DFW

**Job Type:** Regular Full Time

**Location:** Grand Prairie, TX

**Shift:**1st Shift Monday through Friday 7:00am to 3:30pm

**Company Summary:**

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 Summary:**

This position involves analytical testing and preparation of materials, non-biological samples and equipment used in, but not limited to, forensic casework. This person is responsible for test performance and the quality assurance and documentation of analytical processes.

**Requirements:**

* Associate’s degree in chemical, physical, biological science, or forensic science from an accredited university required
* Bachelor’s degree in a chemical, physical, biological science, or forensic science from an accredited university with coursework and associated lab classes in General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Analytical (Instrumental) Chemistry preferred
* Licensed by the Texas Forensic Science Commission within 1 year of hire, as applicable
* Lab related experience is preferred

**Major Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Performs data entry, handling/aliquoting, and sampling of chemical specimens, as needed
* Prepares and validates reagents, controls and calibrators
* Performs qualitative and quantitative analysis of chemical substances utilizing chemical and instrumental methods that will include, but are not limited to, GC/MS
* Performs and maintains appropriate quality assurance and quality control procedures
* Performs routine maintenance and basic troubleshooting of analytical instrumentation
* Generate data for chemists to interpret and review
* Retains samples in suitable storage area
* Follows chain of custody procedures
* Maintains regular and reliable attendance
* Other duties as assigned

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

* Ability to read, write, and understand the English language
* Demonstrate a working knowledge of analytical procedures including a basic understanding of analytical terminology, methods and theory, and methods of data interpretation
* Demonstrates an understanding of chemical and instrumental methods, principles, and their significance to forensic applications
* Ability to identify and resolve non-technical problems
* Ability to effectively communicate technical information
* Knowledge of laboratory safety practices
* Knowledge of regulatory compliance standards
* Possesses good computer skills
* Possesses good oral and written communication skills
* Possesses good organizational skills
* Possesses good interpersonal skills
* Ability to adapt to changes and be flexible
* Demonstrates a high level of integrity, possesses professional demeanor and maintains confidentiality
* Ability to work both independently and on a team
* Detailed oriented and able to work with a high degree of accuracy

**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 instrument 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
* Provides court testimony, as required
* 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

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