



State of Alaska

Forensic Scientist 3 - Chemistry (PCN 124260)

SALARY	\$3,389.25 Biweekly	LOCATION	Anchorage, AK
JOB TYPE	Full Time	JOB NUMBER	47820
DEPARTMENT	Public Safety	DIVISION	Statewide Services
OPENING DATE	10/17/2024	CLOSING DATE	10/28/2024 5:00 PM Alaska
DIVISION	Statewide Services	POSITION OPEN TO	All Applicants
BARGAINING UNIT	General Government	RANGE	22

Job Description



WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING

The successful applicant will demonstrate and maintain proficiency in forensic drug toxicology. May also demonstrate and maintain proficiency in forensic chemical testing such as controlled substance identification, ethanol quantitation, and/or breath alcohol calibration. A Forensic Scientist 3 will independently perform complex casework, instrument troubleshooting, and review the work of other Forensic Scientists. This position may participate in the development and validation of new methods including implementation of new technologies, training other Forensic Scientists and participation in special projects.

OUR ORGANIZATION, MISSION, AND CULTURE:

We provide scientific support to the criminal justice system to help create a safer Alaska. All of our work is justifiable and transparent. We strive to be understandable or provide guidance where not understood. We work to standardized procedures within a robust quality assurance system. We are accountable to our stakeholders and the State of Alaska. We work diligently, reliably, and with the utmost integrity. This position will contribute to the mission of the laboratory by performing forensic casework, outreach and training to support the criminal justice system and the people of Alaska.

THE BENEFITS OF JOINING OUR TEAM:

The Forensic staff are a group of high-level thinkers engaged in continual innovative advancement aimed to improve the services provided to the Alaskan justice system. We value an inclusive culture of transparency and freedom to express all ideas, continuous growth and wellness.

THE WORKING CONDITIONS YOU CAN EXPECT:

Primary location at the State Crime Lab in Anchorage. This position will involve laboratory and office work while interacting closely with management and other staff in the completion of forensic case work in the Chemistry Section of the laboratory. Travel may occur for training, casework monitoring and court testimony.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

In addition to the attributes described above, the successful candidate will demonstrate mastery of forensic drug toxicology testing. The candidate will utilize the full range of relevant techniques to analyze complex cases. Further desired skills include the willingness to ask for and provide guidance to other Scientists as well as time management through communication and prioritization. Experience and/or working knowledge about ISO 17025:2017 and ANAB AR 3125 accreditation standards is desired. A successful candidate will be ethically responsible, display independence, and continually pursue knowledge.

The Department of Public Safety strives to preserve the peace, enforce the law, prevent and detect crime, and protect life and property. All positions support or carry out the Department's mission. If our mission interests you and this position embodies your strengths, please consider joining our team.

More information about the Department of Public Safety can be found on our website: <http://dps.alaska.gov/>

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college in natural science, physical science, forensic sciences, criminalistics, or a closely related field

And

The successful completion of the State of Alaska Forensic Scientist 2 flexible staffing plan for the chemistry discipline

And.

Two years of experience as a Forensic Scientist 2 with the State of Alaska or the equivalent with another employer.

The experience and flex plan training may be earned concurrently.

Substitution:

One year of additional Forensic Scientist 2 experience in the chemistry discipline will substitute for the flex plan training.

Special Note:

Employees will be expected to successfully pass annual proficiency/competency tests.

Appointments to positions in the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory are subject to background requirements per ASCLD/LAB and the Department of Public Safety. A criminal background investigation, including fingerprinting, is required.

Additional Required Information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT POSITION

- A valid Alaska Driver's license is required.
- Appointments to positions at the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory are subject to background requirements per the Department of Public Safety. A criminal background investigation, including fingerprinting, is required.
- Court testimony travel required.

BACKGROUND CHECK

This position requires the incumbent to submit to a fingerprint based criminal history background check. Due to the sensitive nature of this position, and required access to APSIN, an applicant with criminal convictions will not move forward in the selection process.

EDUCATION

To verify education is being used to meet and/or support the required minimum qualifications/competencies, you must fill in the Education section of the application. If you have not obtained a degree, please indicate the number of units completed. Copies of transcripts are required to verify educational credentials used to meet or support the minimum qualifications/competencies for a position and are required with each application. (Unofficial is okay; please ensure the institution/URL name is listed on the transcripts). Transcripts can be attached at the time of application or provided at the time of interview; if not, transcripts will be required before employment.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOREIGN EDUCATION

Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet the above requirements, if applicable. If utilizing this education you must show that the education credentials have been submitted to a private organization that specializes in interpretation of foreign educational credentials and that such education has been deemed to be at least equivalent to that gained in conventional U.S. education programs; or an accredited U.S. state university reports the other institution as one whose transcript is given full value, or full value is given in subject areas applicable to the curricula at the state university. It is your responsibility to provide such evidence when applying.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Applications will be reviewed to determine if minimum qualifications are met. Therefore, all work experiences the applicant is using to meet minimum qualifications for this position must be documented in the application package. Please include the employer's name, your job title, dates of employment, and whether the employment was full or part-time. Applicants who submit packages that do not provide sufficient information to demonstrate minimum qualifications are met may not advance in the selection process.

NOTE: Attaching a resume or curriculum vitae is not an alternative to filling out the application in its entirety. Noting "see resume or CV" or any similar response on any portion of your application may lead to a determination your application is incomplete and removal from consideration for this job posting.

MULTIPLE VACANCIES

This recruitment may be used for more than one (1) vacancy. The applicant pool acquired during this recruitment may be used for future vacancies for up to ninety (90) days after this recruitment closes. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply to each recruitment notice to ensure consideration for all vacancies.

EEO STATEMENT

The State of Alaska complies with Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals with disabilities, who require accommodation, auxiliary aides or services, or alternative communication formats, please call 1-800-587-0430 or (907) 465-4095 in Juneau or TTY: Alaska Relay 711 or 1-800-770-8973 or correspond with the Division of Personnel & Labor Relations at: P.O. Box 110201, Juneau, AK 99811-0201. The State of Alaska is an equal opportunity employer.

NOTICE

If you choose to be contacted by email, please ensure your email address is correct on your application and that the spam filter will permit email from the 'governmentjobs.com' domains. For information on allowing emails from the 'governmentjobs.com' domains, visit the Lost Password Help page located at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/OnlineApplication/User/ResetPassword>.

WORKPLACE ALASKA APPLICATION QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE

Questions regarding application submission or system operation errors should be directed to the Workplace Alaska hotline at 1-800-587-0430 (toll free) or (907) 465-4095 if you are located in the Juneau area. Requests for information may also be emailed to recruitment.services@alaska.gov.

Contact Information

For specific information in reference to the position please contact the hiring manager:

Kyle Klopfer
Administrative Assistant 3
kyle.klopfer@alaska.gov

Benefits



Careers with the State of Alaska offer MANY benefits

The following information describes **typical** benefits available to employees of the State of Alaska. Actual benefits received may differ by bargaining unit or branch of government, position type, or be prorated for other than full time work.

For a quick breakdown of the insurance, health, and retirement benefits available for State Employees you can view an [orientation video from Division of Retirement and Benefits](#). (Please note this video is specifically designed for new State Employees.)

Insurance Benefits

- Health insurance, which includes employer contributions toward medical/vision/dental
 - The following employee groups are under AlaskaCare Benefits administered by the State: See <https://drb.alaska.gov/help/plans.html> for additional information.
 - AVTEC
 - Confidential
 - Correctional Officers
 - Marine Engineers
 - Mt. Edgumbe Teachers
 - Supervisory
 - Unlicensed Vessel Personnel/Inland Boatman's Union
 - Exempt employees (not covered by collective bargaining)
 - The following employee groups are covered by Union health trusts. Contact the appropriate Union for additional information.
 - General Government
 - Labor, Trades and Crafts
 - Public Safety Employees Association
 - Masters, Mates & Pilots
- Employer paid Basic Life insurance with additional coverage available (amount depends on Bargaining Unit)

Optional Insurance Benefits

- Group-based insurance premiums for

- Term life (employee, spouse or qualified same sex partner, and dependents)
- Long-term and short-term disability
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment
- Long-term care (self and eligible family members)
- Supplemental Survivor Benefits
- Employee-funded flexible spending accounts for tax savings on eligible health care or dependent care expenses

Retirement Benefits

- Membership in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)/Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)
- Matching employer contribution into a defined contribution program (new employees)
- Employer contribution into a defined benefit or defined contribution program (current employees)
- Contributions to the Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan in lieu of contributions to Social Security
- Option to enroll in the Alaska Deferred Compensation Program
- **Note: The Defined Contribution Plan, Supplemental Annuity Plan and Deferred Compensation Program offer a variety of investment options**

See <https://drb.alaska.gov/retiree/> for additional information

Paid Leave & Other Benefits

- Personal leave with an accrual rate increase based on time served
- Twelve (12) paid holidays a year

Agency

State of Alaska

Address

PO Box 110201

Juneau, Alaska, 99811

Phone

(800) 587-0430 (Statewide toll-free number)

(907) 465-4095 (Juneau and out-of-state callers)

Website

<http://workplace.alaska.gov/>

Forensic Scientist 3 - Chemistry (PCN 124260) Supplemental Questionnaire

***QUESTION 1**

Have you passed an external proficiency test within the last 12 months in forensic blood toxicology, forensic controlled substance identification, forensic breath alcohol calibration, or some combination? If Yes, submit documentation with the application.

Yes

No

***QUESTION 2**

Have you provided expert witness testimony related to forensic drug toxicology casework?

Yes

No

* Required Question