

## A.S. in Science for Forensic Science

### Description of the Science for Forensic Science Program:

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Eugenio María de Hostos Community College (HCC) and John Jay College of Criminal Justice propose to offer an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Science for Forensic Science as a jointly registered, dual admission program with the existing Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science (B.S.) at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (John Jay). The program will provide HCC students with a similar curriculum as the first two years of the forensic science program required at John Jay. Upon successful completion of the lower division at HCC, students will have a seamless transition to the upper division of the baccalaureate program at John Jay.

Forensic science technicians help investigate crimes by collecting and analyzing physical evidence. Many technicians specialize in either crime scene investigation or laboratory analysis. Most forensic science technicians spend some time writing reports.

**For more information, see link below**

<http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Hostos/media/Pathways/Forensic-Science-AS.pdf>

### Skills:

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**Communication skills:** Forensic science technicians write reports and testify in court. They often work with other law enforcement and specialists.

**Composure:** Crime scenes are often the results of acts of violence and destruction, but technicians have to maintain their professionalism and objectivity.

**Critical-thinking skills:** Forensic science technicians use their best judgment when matching physical evidence, such as fingerprints and DNA, to suspects.

**Detail oriented:** Forensic science technicians must be able to notice small changes in mundane objects to be good at collecting and analyzing evidence.

**Math and science skills:** Forensic science technicians need a solid understanding of statistics and natural sciences to be able to analyze crime scene evidence.

**Problem-solving skills:** Forensic science technicians use scientific tests and methods to help law enforcement officials solve crimes.

### Sample Job Titles:

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Associate's degree - Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Investigator

Bachelor's degree - Forensic Science Technicians, Chemists and Materials Scientists, Biological Technicians

### Employment Outlook:

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Employment of forensic science technicians is projected to grow 17 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/forensic-science-technicians.htm#tab-6>

### Career Path:

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The median annual wage for forensic science technicians was \$56,750 in May 2016. Forensic science technicians typically need at least a bachelor's degree in the natural sciences, such as chemistry or biology. On-the-job training is usually required for both those who investigate crime scenes and those who work in labs.

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/forensic-science-technicians.htm>

**Career Coach** – Search career information and current local wage data

<https://hostos-cuny.emsicc.com/careers/forensic-science-technician/about>