Forensic scientists are involved in all aspects of criminal cases, and the results of their work may serve either the defense or the prosecution. The forensic scientist’s goal is the evenhanded use of all available information to determine the facts and, subsequently, the truth. By employing principles of biology, chemistry and physics to answer questions in the courtroom, forensic scientists play a pivotal role in today’s criminal justice system. They analyze evidence and provide expert opinions. A forensic scientist may consult with a medical expert about the finding of an investigation.

**Certifications and Professional Development**

Microsoft Office Professional
Social Media for Business
Professional Writing

[These and other Certifications and Professional Development options offered by the Center for Continuing Education and Workforce Development.](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/ce)

**Professional Organizations**

American Society Crime Laboratory Directors
American Academy of Forensic Sciences
American Board of Forensic Doctors

**Helpful Career Links**

[BMCC Career Center](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/career)
[Internships and Experiential Learning](http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/experiential)

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**Career and Salary Possibilities**

*Career and Salary Possibilities* are not guaranteed. Additional education, training or experience may be required and salary ranges may vary depending on location, industry and education level. Career and salary data provided by Career Coach.

- **Toxicologist** ($64,000–$137,000)
- **Forensic Scientist** ($58,000–$96,000)
- **Science Writer** ($79,000–$125,000)
- **Forensic Medical Examiner** ($30,639–$198,153)
- **Crime Analyst** ($34,422–$70,227)
- **Forensic Science Technician** ($61,220)
- **Blood Spatter Analyst** ($42,000)
- **Forensic Ballistics Expert** ($30,000–$80,000)
- **Digital Forensic Analyst** ($50,000–$80,500)