

## FORENSIC SCIENTIST III / SENIOR FORENSIC CHEMIST

The Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office (Cleveland, OH) is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Scientist III / Senior Forensic Chemist. Qualifications include graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry or a closely related field including toxicology, biochemistry, pharmacology or pharmaceutical chemistry with five (5) years toxicology / postmortem toxicology analysis experience with postmortem and other biological materials OR a Master's degree in chemistry, toxicology, biochemistry, pharmacology or a related field with three (3) years of forensic toxicology laboratory experience. Current certification as a Forensic Toxicology Specialist by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology is preferred.

Practical knowledge of the principles and practices of forensic science, post-mortem forensic toxicology and human performance drug testing, operation and maintenance of gas chromatography, liquid chromatography and gas chromatography /mass spectrometry and high performance liquid chromatography systems, immunoassays: ELISA, EMIT, solid-phase and liquid/liquid extraction is required.

Additional requirements include the ability to secure and maintain a favorable background investigation; good knowledge of chemical analysis and laboratory procedures; knowledge of statistical analysis.

Familiarity with personal computer operation and software maintenance. This position requires the ability to organize and compile data; ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. Basic knowledge of Quality assurance is a plus.

Understanding of ABFT and ISO 17025:2005 standards is a plus.

~~ABFT or FTCB certification is desirable.~~

The ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers is essential.

Responsibilities include supervising and performing chemical analysis of postmortem and DWI/DUI samples, body fluids, tissues and other specimens for the presence of drugs, poisons and other chemicals; organizing, documenting and reviewing chemical analysis data; providing analysis information and testing status; documenting analysis results and recording the type of analysis ordered; reviewing and reporting testing results; referring, preparing and sending samples for special testing to outside agencies for analysis; assisting in development and modification of analytical methods; and conducting parameter checks on instrumentation. Follows all established protocols and procedures and may be assigned other tasks as deemed necessary by the Laboratory Supervisor. The employee may serve as an expert witness representing technical report findings in a court of law.

Annual Salary: \$45,000 - \$60,000 plus Cuyahoga County benefit package, which includes health insurance, sick and vacation leave, life insurance, and participation in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, a non-Social Security pension system.

Applicants should send curriculum vitae, a cover letter, and the names and contact information for three professional references.

EOE/Drug-free Workplace/ADA compliant.

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