

CLASS TITLE: FORENSIC SCIENTIST ASSOCIATE

Class Code: 02729000

Pay Grade: 26A

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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To be responsible for performing specialized serological, toxicological and chemical evaluation of evidence related to sexual assaults, homicides, controlled substances and sports doping using modern methods and instrumentation; to provide expert testimony in court; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general instructions of a superior supplemented by occasional consultation on more complex assignments; work is subject to review on completion for conformance to accepted practices and policies.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Supervises and reviews the work of subordinates.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To be responsible for performing specialized serological, toxicological and chemical evaluation of evidence related to sexual assaults, homicides, controlled substances and sports doping using modern methods and instrumentation.

To prepare technical reports and provide expert testimony in court.

To provide information and technical assistance to criminal justice agencies.

To perform proficiency tests as a method of quality assurance and to perform minor repair and adjustments to laboratory equipment.

To be responsible for ensuring and maintaining a secure chain-of-custody of evidence: to instruct police officers in the selection, collection and preservation, and safe handling of evidence to assure proper laboratory testing and examination.

To attend meetings and seminars as required.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of chemistry, toxicology, serology and instrumental analyses as applied to forensic analysis; a thorough knowledge of the Rhode Island criminal justice system, the ability to maintain a secure chain-of-custody to evidence; the ability to appear in court and provide testimony as an expert witness as required; the ability to effectively interact with criminal justice agencies; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with specialization in Chemistry or a related Biological Science and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a responsible capacity involving the performance of forensic serological, toxicological or chemical analysis or biological and/or confiscated specimens.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

Special Requirement: Within two (2) years of appointment must meet the requirements for certification by the American Board of Criminalists (ABC) or other forensic certification equivalent to ABC approved by the Director of Health and must maintain said registration as a condition of employment.

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