

Firearms Examiner - Forensic Scientist I, II or Forensic Scientist Trainee

The North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory (NLCL) in Shreveport, Louisiana, has an immediate opening for a Forensic Scientist I, II or a Forensic Scientist-Trainee in the Firearms Section. The NLCL is a full-service ASCLD/LAB accredited forensic laboratory serving 29 parishes in North Louisiana. In approximately 2-3 years the laboratory will move into a new forensic science center facility and will be a teaching facility for Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, offering graduate studies in forensic science and residencies in Forensic Pathology. The Forensic Scientist in the Firearms Section is responsible for performing microscopic examinations of firearms evidence, operating the National Integrated Ballistic Identification Network (NIBIN), toolmark comparisons, serial number restoration, distance determinations, generating reports, court testimony, and assisting with quality assurance duties of the section. The scientist in this position is assigned individual cases to completely work from evidence examination to report writing. Future responsibilities may include cross-training in examination of fingerprints and impression evidence. To be considered for the Forensic Scientist I or II position, the applicant must have a bachelor's degree in chemistry, biology, forensic science, or related fields from an accredited institution, and at least two years of professional experience in Firearms and Toolmarks examination. To be considered for the Forensic Scientist-Trainee position, the applicant must have a bachelor's degree in chemistry, biology, forensic science and a strong desire to complete extensive, on-the-job training. The starting salary ranges from \$38,000-45,000 (plus full benefits i.e. medical, dental) and is negotiable based upon the experience and education as described above. The position is open only to U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Send information to:

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