
Minimum Degree Requirements for Employment with the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratories

The following is a list of the units/services that the Crime Laboratories provide to the State of Wisconsin and the *minimum* requirements for employment in each unit

1. **DNA Analysis Unit** and **DNA Databank/CODIS Unit** (Combined DNA Index System): Baccalaureate in a natural science – Biology, Chemistry, or some variation of that (Biochemistry, Genetics, etc.) with additional required courses in Biochemistry, Genetics, Molecular Biology, and Statistics
2. **Latent Prints and Footwear Unit**: Baccalaureate degree that includes coursework in natural science + must be able to pass a practical comparison exercise prior to hire to demonstrate the ability to identify fingerprints.
3. **Firearms and Toolmarks Unit**: Baccalaureate degree that includes coursework in natural science.
4. **Controlled Substances Unit**: Baccalaureate in a natural/physical science
5. **Toxicology Unit**: Baccalaureate in a natural/physical science
6. **Trace Evidence Unit**: Baccalaureate in a natural/physical science
7. **Forensic Imaging** (Photography): Minimum of an associate's degree in Photography or a closely-related field, with coursework in photography and/or video production.
8. **AFIS Unit** (Automated Fingerprint Identification System)/**Fingerprint Database**: Minimum of an associate's degree + must be able to pass a practical comparison exercise prior to hire to demonstrate the ability to identify fingerprints.
9. **Laboratory Technicians** (Evidence Specialists, Office Associates, Lab Technicians, etc.): No current degree requirements.
10. **Crime Scene Response Unit**: This unit is comprised of analysts from the different Forensic Units in the labs and is not a full-time position.