

Minimum Degree Requirements for Employment with the Wisconsin Crime Laboratory Bureau

The following is a list of the units/services that the Crime Laboratory Bureau provides to the State of Wisconsin and the *minimum* requirements for employment in each unit (BS = Bachelor of Science Degree).

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. **Identification Unit** (Latent Prints, Footwear, Tire Tracks): Baccalaureate in a natural science + must be able to pass a practical exam prior to hire to demonstrate the ability to identify fingerprints.
3. **Firearms and Toolmarks Unit**: Baccalaureate in a natural/physical science
4. **Controlled Substances Unit**: Baccalaureate in a natural/physical science
5. **Toxicology Unit**: Baccalaureate in a natural/physical science
6. **Trace Chemistry Unit**: Baccalaureate in a natural/physical science
7. **Forensic Imaging** (Photography): Minimum of an AA in Photography or a closely-related field.
8. **AFIS Unit** (Automated Fingerprint Identification System)/Fingerprint Database: No current degree requirements, but must be able to pass a practical exam prior to hire to demonstrate the ability to identify fingerprints.
9. **Forensic Program 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.