



DNA Analysts

DNA Analysts being sought for employment as civilian contractors supporting US military activity on-base in Iraq and possibly Afghanistan. Analysts trained to competency in a state or federal ASCLD/LAB accredited laboratory, with recent DNA Analyst employment experience, are preferred.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following: successfully complete appropriate training with competency and/or proficiency tests prior to assuming any casework; perform forensic examinations, including identification of blood and other body fluids; analysis of a range of samples typically encountered in forensic case work using the Applied Biosystem's® Capillary instruments with Identifiler™, Minifiler™, and Yfiler™ chemistry; realtime PCR; conduct comparisons of genetic material; prepare reports of findings and submit the results into appropriate computer database; communicate with military personnel on testing procedures, results, and conclusions; conduct procedures in accordance with the specified guidelines of an ASCLD/LAB Internationally accredited agency lab; instruct officials on evidence collection and the proper handling of evidence; and assist the Team Leader in establishing validated protocols and the set up of the new laboratory facility to meet the ASCLD/LAB International standards.

Requirements:

Must: meet the FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Analyst including B.A./B.S. degree in biology, chemistry, forensic science, or related scientific field; have taken college courses (graduate or undergraduate level) in genetics, biochemistry, and molecular biology (molecular genetics or recombinant DNA technology), as well as course work and/or training in statistics and population genetics as applied to forensic DNA analysis; have documented training in forensic DNA PCR-based STR analysis; possess experience in forensic serology and six months experience in forensic DNA STR analysis; have knowledge of laboratory safety and QA/QC procedures; analyze and interpret data; develop sound conclusions from analyses; maintain accurate records; have intermediate level competency in PhotoShop and Microsoft Office Suite programs (Word, Excel, and Outlook); be able to work well in a team environment; possess excellent organizational skills; be physically able and willing to rotationally deploy to Iraq for a minimum of six months to a year; be able to obtain a US Secret Clearance and US Passport; and attend pre-deployment training.

Preferred: American Board of Criminalistics certification in Molecular Biology.

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