

The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) Crime Lab Forensic Scientist 3 - DNA Technical Leader shall be directly accountable to the MNPD Crime Laboratory Forensic Scientist Supervisor – Forensic Biology Unit for the management of the technical operations of the Forensic Biology Unit.

Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Lab is hiring a DNA Technical Leader. The posting is open until August 9th. Due to the government HR job classification the minimum qualifications list bachelor's degree and not the required master's degree. The FBI QAS requirements must be met to qualify for this position.

****Must be willing and able to work overtime, holidays, and weekends as needed.***

****All positions in the MNPD require an extensive background check.***

Typical Duties

- Reviews, revises, approves, and proposes new DNA-related technical policies and procedures.*
- Facilitates training of laboratory personnel in DNA analysis and procedures.*
- Approves and directs the review of the Forensic Biology Quality System.*
- Stays abreast of currently used technologies and procedures through extensive reading of forensic literature and training.*
- Oversees, reviews, and approves new DNA method validations and new equipment.*
- Troubleshoots and resolves DNA technical equipment and supplies.*
- Ensures proficiency testing, quality control, and safety measures are being followed as outlined in the Quality Manual, Procedures, and the Safety Manual.*
- Serves as a technical reference regarding DNA analyses.*
- Acts as a mediator in the technical review of DNA analyses.*
- Recommends new DNA technical equipment and supplies.*
- Maintains and demonstrates efficiency in the field of forensic biology.*
- Performs chemical, microscopic, and immunological tests on physical evidence.*
- Maintains technical forensic laboratory files and records of findings.*
- Prepares analytical reports and effectively communicates results of analyses.*
- Conducts technical and/or administrative reviews on scientific reports.*
- Determines CODIS eligibility.*
- Provides expert testimony in court based on laboratory findings.*
- Interprets and evaluates serological results and DNA data.*
- Executes applicable operations of the laboratory information management system (LIMS).*

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution in a field of science such as biology, chemistry, forensic science, or related area and five (5) years of forensic laboratory experience, with three (3) years experience as a qualified DNA analyst.

***No Substitution**

LICENSE REQUIRED:

Valid Driver License

Candidates with accreditations earned in a foreign institute are encouraged to apply.

Note: Per Metro Ordinance No. SO94-1078. All employees of the Metropolitan Government shall be residents of the State of Tennessee or become residents of the state within six (6) months of employment as a prerequisite to employment with the Metropolitan Government.

Preferred Experience, Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- *Master's Degree from an accredited institution in a field of science such as biology, chemistry, or forensic science.*
- *Knowledge of and experience in using related laboratory instrumentation, computer software, calibration, validation, quality control, safety, accreditation, proficiency testing, and training.*
- *Knowledge of international forensic laboratory accreditation standards.*
- *Experience with probabilistic genotyping software.*
- *Experience with Microsoft Office Suite.*

Nashville and the surrounding area is a great place to live with lots of good food, sports, and celebrity sightings. Not only do you have the city atmosphere but nearby there are plenty of outdoor activities, like hiking and canoeing/kayaking. In addition to a competitive salary and great medical benefits, employees qualify for longevity pay starting at 5 years and are fully invested in a nice pension plan after 10 years. We have been lucky in the past with regular yearly cost of living increases.