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Continuous Announcement

FORENSIC SCIENTIST, ASSOCIATE – 20802

Salary: $33,086.40 – $50,119.20
Revised Date: July 24, 2013

JOB INFORMATION

The Forensic Scientist, Associate is a permanent full-time position with the Department of Forensic Sciences. Positions are located throughout the state. This is responsible entry-level professional work in the field of forensic sciences. Employees in this class learn to apply theory and practical applications of chemistry, physics and biology to forensic investigations in the areas of physical evidence, firearms/toolmarks, serology, drug chemistry, document examination, toxicology, or pathology.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited* four-year college or university with major course work in chemistry, medical technology, pharmacy, or closely related area which **must include eight courses in chemistry**, preferably supplemented by courses in areas such as toxicology, serology, genetics, pharmacology, or physics

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants must attach a transcript or a complete list of each chemistry course taken and credit hours received.
- Applicants may be required to meet the requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Act during probationary period.

NOTES

- Applicants may apply for this position during their last semester of college; however, applicants will be required to submit documentation verifying completion of the Bachelor's degree to the hiring agency prior to beginning work.
- Employees in this position may be exposed to biological hazards and caustic materials.
- Employees may be required to work nights, weekends, and holidays.

EXAMINATION

- **Open-Competitive** to all applicants
- Evaluation of **Training and Experience** as shown on application

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete an Application for Examination Form available at ***www.personnel.alabama.gov***, the above address, or any Alabama Career Center Office.
- Apply by mail or by fax. *Applications will be accepted until further notice.* The State Personnel Department is not responsible for late receipt of applications due to mail service or faxing malfunction.

Individuals currently on the register DO NOT need to reapply to remain eligible for employment.

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*Please refer to the back of this announcement for complete information on State Personnel's policy for accepting post-secondary and advanced degrees.

Revised

Except for pretest information provided by State Personnel to all applicants, you should not directly or indirectly obtain information about examinations. If you do, the State Personnel Director may do several things. One, you may not be given an examination. Two, you may be disqualified after an examination. Three, your name may be removed from a register. Or four, your name may not be certified from the register. (Rules of the State Personnel Board, Chapter 670-x-9). According to the Code of Alabama, 36-26-47, a willful violation of exam security is a misdemeanor. Any person who is convicted of this type of misdemeanor will not get a state job. If they are officers or employees of the state, they will be required to forfeit their office or position for five years.

If you know of anyone who has violated this policy, you should contact the Examination Manager at the State Personnel Department.

Applicants hired by the State of Alabama on or after January 1, 2012 will be subject to the E-Verify process pursuant to Act No. 2011-535.

State of Alabama Personnel Department Policy on Accepting College Coursework, Post-Secondary and Advanced Degrees

1. Specific college coursework required for a job, as well as Bachelor's, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from the schools accredited by any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States. These associations are listed below.

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – The Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-ACSCU)

2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by a regional accreditation association will be accepted if a regionally accredited school considers the coursework or degree to be an acceptable prerequisite for admission to an advanced degree program. For example, if a regionally accredited school accepts an applicant's bachelor's degree for admittance into a graduate degree program, State Personnel will accept the degree. In the case of required college coursework (but no degree requirement), State Personnel will accept the college coursework if a regionally accredited school accepts the coursework towards a post-secondary degree (e.g., a bachelor's degree). ***This must be documented by a letter of acceptance from the regionally accredited school.*** State Personnel will review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Note: This policy is subject to change. Certain state agencies may have additional requirements.