

CLASS SPECIFICATION

SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CRIMINALIST I

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, to perform increasingly varied and complex professional criminalistics work in a police crime laboratory; and to perform related work.

* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Performs chemical analyses of blood, fibers, narcotics, and other forms of evidence;
- Establishes identification by physical examination and comparison of firearms, bullets, and shoe/tire impressions;
- Performs photographic work;
- Prepares evidence for presentation in court and testifies as an expert witness;
- Surveys and searches crime scenes to discover evidential material;
- Develops evidence in the field;
- Assists in developing, defining, and creating criminalistic procedures and techniques;
- Assists in providing technical information and assistance to private organizations and other governmental and law enforcement agencies;
- Tests new laboratory equipment, techniques, and procedures;
- Prepares reports and keeps records.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

College graduation with a Bachelor's degree with major work in Criminalistics, Forensic Science, Chemistry, Biochemistry or Molecular Biology;

OR college graduation with a Bachelor's degree with major work in the physical or biological sciences, AND a Master's degree in Criminalistics or Forensic Science;

OR college graduation with a Bachelor's degree with major work in the physical or biological sciences, AND one year of professional Criminalistics experience. Qualifying professional Criminalistics experience must include performing chemical, biological, or physical analysis on physical evidence in a crime lab, or toxicology experience in either a private laboratory or crime lab.

Possession of a valid California Class C Driver's License.

- * **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.