



The Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner - Coroner is actively recruiting for the position of CHIEF FORENSIC LABORATORIES.

The Chief Forensic Laboratories has direct charge of the Forensic Laboratory Division of the Department of Medical Examiner- Coroner.

The one position allocable to this class reports to the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner and is responsible for providing technical and administrative direction, through subordinate supervisors, to personnel in the Forensic Science Laboratory engaged in receiving, processing, analyzing, and interpreting of evidence. The incumbent of this position must exercise knowledge of supervisory, organizational, and administrative principles, operations, forecasting and planning, budget development and administration, and personnel and employee relations principles in order to plan, organize, and direct the operations of the division. This position also requires that the incumbent be thoroughly familiar with sections of the Government Code pertaining to the Coroner's responsibilities and those provisions of the California Penal Code and the laws governing the rules of evidence sufficient to provide technical direction to subordinates.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Manages laboratory operations, including protocol development and implementation of new programs and services.
- Provides technical and administrative direction, through subordinate supervisors, to laboratory personnel engaged in receiving, processing, analyzing, and interpreting physical data.
- Directs and participates in research into new methods, procedures, and techniques of scientific medico-legal investigation.
- Coordinates activities of the Bureau with internal and external stakeholders, both public and private, such as other County departments, laboratories, the court, law enforcement agencies, and scientific associations, to ensure successful operation of the Bureau.
- Reviews and interprets analytical data and renders opinions to medical staff, law enforcement, and the courts based on laboratory findings; confers with other forensic experts concerning evidence and its interpretation; testifies in court as an expert witness regarding laboratory operations, physical evidence, forensic results, scientific analysis, and case knowledge.
- Develops the Bureau's annual budget based on current and projected program needs.
- Supervises the preparation of grant funding requests and the administration of research grants from Federal and State agencies.

- Recommends, implements and monitors departmental procedures, policies, standards, and training programs, with a focus on continuous improvement.
- Reviews and interprets test results, acts to correct any potential violations whenever deviations in Laboratory policy and procedures occur; recommends corrective action where appropriate.
- Provides short and long term planning strategies to the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner based on Forensic standards and practices, to continually evaluate and recommend new technologies to improve the quality and efficiency of the Bureau.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

OPTION I: A Doctorate degree from an accredited college with specialization in chemistry, biochemistry, toxicology, pharmacology, criminalistics, physics or biology and two years' experience supervising personnel in a forensic sciences laboratory.

OPTION II: A Master's Degree from an accredited college with specialization in chemistry, biochemistry, toxicology, pharmacology, criminalistics, physics, or biology and four years' experience supervising personnel in a forensic sciences laboratory.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in the application of statutory requirements, rules and regulations, principles and practices, concepts, theories, and limitations of methods associated with Forensic Science.
- Experience supervising forensic science laboratory operations, including providing technical and administrative direction to laboratory personnel engaged in receiving, processing, analyzing, and interpreting physical data.
- Demonstrated experience in laboratory protocol development and in the implementation of new programs and services, policies and procedures, staff training and development.
- Ability to manage complex organizational projects.
- Experience developing short and long-term planning strategies to improve the quality and efficiency of a forensics laboratory operation.
- Experience in the analysis and interpretation of medico-legal investigation and physical evidence in scientific investigations, including experience reviewing and interpreting analytical data and rendering opinions to medical staff, law enforcement, and the courts based on laboratory findings.
- Experience testifying in court as an expert witness regarding laboratory operations, physical evidence, forensic results, scientific analysis, and case knowledge.
- Experience overseeing budgetary functions and administering research grants from Federal and State agencies.
- Experience compiling statistical data, writing scientific reports and rendering technical reports of findings and the ability to use current and modern job related office and laboratory equipment.
- Experience representing an organization during laboratory accreditation inspections by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLAD/LAB).

COMPENSATION

\$101,196.48 - \$153,169.20 Annually

BENEFIT INFORMATION

Los Angeles County offers one of the strongest public-sector benefits packages in the nation which includes a [Cafeteria Benefit Plan](#), Contributory Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, matched 401(k) Savings and Deferred Compensation & Thrift Plans, 11 paid Holidays, 10 paid leave days with an option to buy one to 20 more, and flexible work schedules. For additional information please go to

For additional information and online application please visit
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/1372798/chief-forensic-laboratories>.

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