



Sam Houston State University
Forensic Science
College of Criminal Justice



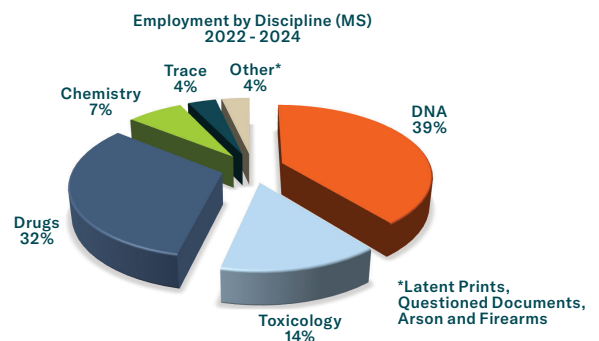
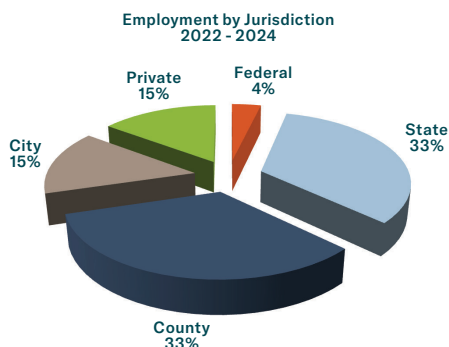
MS EMPLOYMENT & POSTGRADUATE SUCCESS

Each year forensic science graduates from Sam Houston State University go on to pursue exciting and rewarding careers in forensic science.

Our graduate success speaks for itself. Our full-time, two-year MS program is accredited by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) and our PhD program offers exciting possibilities for those intending to pursue leadership positions, teaching, or research in forensic science.

Our mission is to empower students with the fundamental knowledge, skills, and abilities to prepare them for successful careers in forensic science. This mission is accomplished through academic coursework, hands-on experience in the laboratory, research, and the completion of an internship in a forensic science laboratory. Our students have the opportunity to work with full-time faculty who are engaged scholars and have practitioner experience.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, our faculty and students produced more than sixty publications. Building on this foundation of excellence, the curriculum emphasizes workplace readiness by incorporating contemporary topics and providing exposure to the latest standards and developments in forensic science.



Employment and postgraduate success as measured by employment post graduation averaged 94% over the last three years (2022-2024) and 94% over the last 10 years. Historically, the majority of our graduates accepted employment in DNA, Controlled Substances (Drugs), Toxicology, Chemistry, and Trace.

Almost seventy percent of graduates are employed in the public sector, working in government forensic laboratories at the federal, state, county, or city level. An increasing number of graduates pursue careers in the private sector (industry) or in research.

With proven postgraduate success, exciting research, dedicated forensic faculty, and institute partners, the Department of Forensic Science at SHSU offers exciting possibilities for those committed to improving the standards and practice of forensic science, both nationally and globally.



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