

Department of Forensic Science



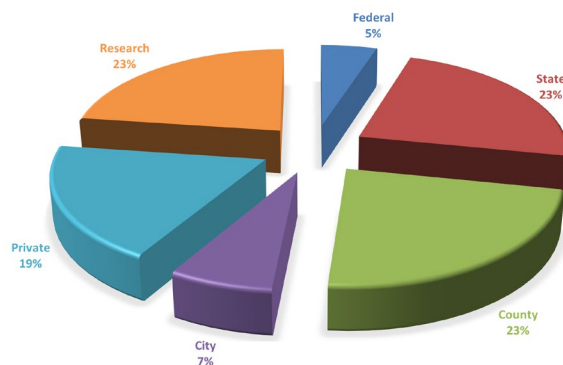
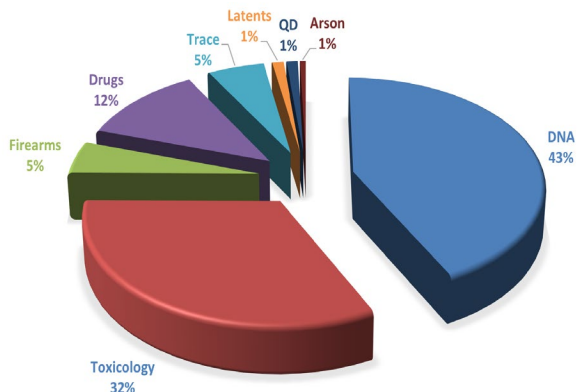
POSTGRADUATE SUCCESS

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 provide students the 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 2021-2022 academic year, our faculty and students produced a total of seventy publications. Workplace readiness is enhanced due to the contemporary curriculum and exposure to the most recent standards (and standards development activities) in forensic science.

Employment and postgraduate success averaged 96% over the past ten years. The majority of our graduates accepted employment in DNA, Toxicology, Controlled Substances (Drugs), Firearms and Trace.



Almost sixty 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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