

**Wichita State University  
Bachelor of Science in Forensic Sciences Program  
Criminal History Disclaimer**

Students considering a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Sciences must be aware that employment in a crime laboratory, in particular one supporting the criminal justice process, requires an extensive background check. Potential employers will look for and may not hire applicants that have been convicted of, and in some cases arrested for, felony and serious misdemeanor violations, including but not limited to;

- Alcohol and drug violations (Examples: possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, minor in possession, driving under the influence, drunk in public),
- Theft or burglary (Example: shoplifting, automobile theft, larceny),
- Violent crime (Examples: murder, sexual assault, domestic violence, assault, robbery, disorderly conduct, battery),
- Firearms related crimes,
- Offenses of moral turpitude (Example: indecent exposure, solicitation of a prostitute),
- Serious traffic violations, and
- Serious credit problems.

Potential employers will conduct an extensive background check to determine whether applicants have a criminal history as part of the application process. They may ask for hair, blood or urine samples to determine recent drug usage. They may ask your relatives, friends, coworkers and supervisors for information relating to your fitness for employment in a crime laboratory. You may also even be asked to take a polygraph test and submit to a psychological examination.

Untruthfulness during any part of the application process is normally grounds for rejecting the applicant. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact the Program Director of the Forensic Sciences Program if they have concerns about their ability to be hired in a crime laboratory after graduation. Consultations of this type are strictly confidential and do not affect your continuation in the Forensic Sciences Program.

By affixing my signature below I am acknowledging that I have read and understand this disclaimer.

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Student's printed name

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Student's signature

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Date