

So, You Want to Be a . . . Crime Scene Investigator

Introduction

A Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) is a career in the broader Forensic Science field. CSIs are responsible for processing and preserving evidence and preparing written documentation of their findings. Numerous organizations hire crime scene investigators, including police departments, government agencies, and crime laboratories.

Education

CSIs are generally hired by law enforcement agencies and must meet the requirements of the employing law enforcement agency. A smaller rural agency may not require any degree, while larger agencies will almost certainly require a degree. That degree may be a two- or four-year degree and may be specific. More specific requirements can be found in the position announcements for specific opportunities.

Other Requirements/Information

CSIs are both sworn police officers and civilians. That said, work experience in a related role (such as law enforcement) is often required for crime scene investigator positions in other agencies.

For More Information

[NC State Bureau of Investigation Career Requirements](#)
[International Crime Scene Investigators Association](#)