

Education, Human & Protective Services

GUIDED PATHWAY: Forensic Science Technology (AAS Degree)

For more information, visit www.laredo.edu/ and your academic advisor.

The AAS degree in Forensic Science Technology is designed to prepare students for various career opportunities in law enforcement, laboratory environments, and investigative support roles. This program is intended to provide a foundation on which the graduate can build a career in the forensic science fields and/or further their education. Courses that complete the Certificate (CI) and courses that complete the Applied Science degree in Forensic Science Technology (D).

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing an Associates of Applied Science in Forensic Science Technology. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Forensic Science Technology. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

Visit [Career Pathways](#) to view guided pathways created for students who complete an AAS degree and the options for transfer. Speak with an academic advisor at your college to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university



COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS (only for the AAS)

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

READING & WRITING PLACEMENT	MATH PLACEMENT	ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
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Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

SEMESTER BY SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS²

D	CI		SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆		CJSA 1325 - Criminology	
◆	◆		CJLE 1327 - Interviewing and Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professions	
◆	◆		CJSA 1308 - Criminalistics I	
◆	◆		CJSA 1471 - Forensic Science I	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 13				
D	CI		SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆		CJSA 1472 - Forensic Science II	
◆	◆		CJSA 2323 - Criminalistics II	
◆	◆		CJSA 1400 - Death Investigation I	
◆	◆		CJLE 1345 - Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 14				
D			SUNMMER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆			CJLE 2445 - Vice and Narcotics Investigation	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 4				
D			SUMMER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆			MATH X3XX - Mathematics Elective - CORE	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 3				
D			SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
◆			CJSA 1401 - Death Investigation II	
◆			CJSA 2332 - Criminalistics III	
◆			CJSA 1342 - Criminal Investigation (Capstone)	
◆			CJSA 1473 – Evidence Technology	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 14				
D			SEMESTER 4	Note:
◆			XXXX X3XX - American History/Government/Political Science/Social/Behavioral Science Elective - CORE	
◆			XXXX X3XX - Language, Philosophy and Culture/Creative Arts Elective - CORE	
◆			XXXX X3XX - Life and Physical Science Elective - CORE	
◆			ENGL X3XX - Composition I - CORE	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 12				
AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS/PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS				

Career Information

Common Job Titles

Crime Scene Technician, Crime Scene Investigator, Forensic Laboratory Technician, Evidence Technician, Law Enforcement (with forensic specialization), Police Officer, Property & Evidence Technician.

Regional Labor Market Information

The national average salary of a forensic science technician is at **\$67,440** per year. The job outlook for the field indicates a 14% industry growth.

Career and labor market research tools

Bureau of Labor Statistics: [Forensic Science Technicians](#)

Evidence Technician Salary Data (2025)

<https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries/Evidence-Technician-Salary>

Career Resources: Laredo College career services website provides information on [career exploration](#) and [employment](#). Click [here](#) for more information transfer resources. Students are encouraged to consult with their area of study advisor for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after the successful completion of an LC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

Transfer Information

The Associate of Applied Science in Forensic Science Technology prepares students to enter the workforce directly; however, a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) or Bachelor of Science (BS) is an excellent alternative to complete (or exceed minimal standards of) the educational requirement for some positions within the Department of Homeland Security. You still must meet general education requirements and take upper-level courses.

Transfer Guides: Transfer course evaluations and determination of which courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution. Due to the fact that the Forensic Science Technology Program is in the beginning stages of offering, no current colleges or universities have entered into agreements to accept completed coursework at a higher level. This will be a focus for the program as it continues to grow and develop.

Additional Transfer Resources: Laredo College [transfer planning guide website](#) provides information on additional colleges & universities. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, area of study advisor, and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at LC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.