

What do you want to do?



Analyze evidence in a lab →

Get a bachelor's in either biology or chemistry, then get a master's in the same with a concentration in forensics. Most labs won't even look at you without a master's degree.

Perform autopsies →

After your bachelor's in biology, go to medical school, then do a residency in pathology, then one in forensic pathology.

Collect evidence at the scene →

Get a bachelor's in either biology or chemistry. Do an internship with a law enforcement agency or a forensics lab.

Be a famous expert on a forensic topic and give opinions →

Get a bachelor's in either biology, physics or chemistry. Get a master's in the same. Then either gain many years experience concentrating on a single discipline, or get a Ph.D. in the subject and add several years experience working on just that one subject.

Look over evidence, question suspects, & arrest people →

Get a bachelor's degree. Join the police force. Spend several years working cases until you pass the exam for detective.

Everything like on CSI →



Get a clue. Nobody does it all. Much of what you see on TV is fantasy. It takes a team of people working together to solve a case. You can be involved with the crime scene, the evidence, the suspects, but not be an expert on all of them and do all their jobs at the same time like on your favorite crime drama show.