

Forensic Science



Subject Area	Science
Course Type	School Leavers
Study Level	Level 1
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2026
Course Code	PA000373

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Course Summary

This course teaches you the basics of forensic science – the science used to solve crimes. It's great if you're interested in crime scenes and want to learn how to find and study clues. You'll learn how to look at evidence, investigate crime scenes, and understand how scientists help solve crimes. The course also teaches you how to follow the rules and work in the right way.

What You Will Learn

- **Forensic Science Basics:** Learn how to study clues and what happens at a crime scene.
- **Why Forensics Is Important:** Find out how forensic science helps solve crimes.
- **Hands-On Skills:** Try real techniques used to look at evidence and manage a crime scene.
- **How the System Works:** Learn how forensic teams and labs work together.
- **Doing the Right Thing:** Understand the rules and why honesty and safety are important in this job.

Modules

Essential Unit: Developing a Personal Progression Plan: Plan and develop your personal and professional goals in the forensic industry.

Optional Units (Choose one)

- **Carrying Out a Scientific Experiment:** Gain experience in conducting scientific experiments related to forensic science.
- **Making a Chemical Product:** Understand the process of creating forensic care products.
- **Testing the Properties of Products:** Learn how to test the properties of forensic materials.
- **Investigating Crime Scene Evidence:** Gain practical skills in crime scene evidence investigation.
- **Exploring Chemistry:** Learn about chemical principles and their application in forensic science.

Work Experience

You will complete 30 hours of relevant work experience. This includes working with the National Citizens Service (NCS) programme, which helps you develop key employment skills and behaviours needed for progression to work. This experience is valuable for gaining practical insights and improving your employability in the forensic science sector.

Progression

Completing the Level 1 Forensic Science course can lead to various career opportunities in the forensic industry. This course can be the starting point for a career in forensic science, such as:

- **Forensic Technician:** Assisting forensic scientists in evidence analysis and crime scene investigation.
- **Crime Scene Investigator:** Conducting crime scene investigations and evidence collection.
- **Other Forensic-Related Careers:** Opportunities in forensic administration, forensic technology, and more.

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