



# AMERICAN BOARD OF CRIMINALISTICS

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Greetings from the American Board of Criminalistics,

In our quest for ISO 17024 Accreditation, we are convening a group of Subject Matter Experts (SME) for an occupational analysis of the field of forensic science. We are looking for experts who perform “cradle to grave” analysis as well as those who have other roles in a forensic laboratory, including specialists performing various types of forensic casework. If you are chosen, you will meet with a trained facilitator who will take you through the two-day Occupational Analysis process. This process will identify all of the duties that forensic scientists have in common, regardless of discipline, and then separate those duties into their relevant tasks.

You may be asking yourselves why we are doing this if we already have existing exams. The ABC is constantly striving to improve our exams and part of that is making sure that they are testing the jobs that people are actually performing. We will select participants based on the following (in no particular order): geographic area, experience, gender, and availability. These distinctions are recommended so that the entire community is properly represented.

You do not need to be a current ABC certificant to participate. The training will be held in conjunction with the AAFS meeting in Seattle. An additional hotel night and per diem costs will be covered by the ABC, however there will be no additional compensation for work absences. So please take a moment to fill out the survey found via this link:

<http://www.criminalistics.com/general-sme-survey-2017.html>

We look forward to working with you.

Regards,

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