



STEM Careers

Forensic Artist

Job Description: Works with law enforcement to identify criminal suspects and victims through facial composite techniques, including sketching, sculpting, and modeling.

What does a Forensic Artist do?

- Sketch composites of criminal suspects or unidentifiable victims
- Recreate skeletal or unrecognizable images using 2D and 3D imagery
- Create age progression sketches of suspects and missing persons
- Prepare diagrams, chart evidence boards and 3D reconstructions or crime scenes for court hearings and other judicial proceedings
- Prepare reports, exhibits, and displays for court proceedings
- Artistically enhance or alter surveillance photographs
- Create facial reconstructions using 3D imagery tools including clay sculpture or computer technology
- Conduct interviews with witnesses and victims to gain information on the physical appearance of the suspect

Your Interests:

- Are you creative?
- Do you want to work with law enforcement on the local or federal level?
- Are you interested in forensics?

Outlook:

Average Salary - \$29.78 hourly, \$61,930 annually
Projected Job Openings - 2,500 in the next 10 years

Education/Program of Study:

- Entry level position requirements range from an associate's degree to a bachelor's degree.
- Degree paths include forensic art, forensics, graphic design, fine art, and other related fields.

Sources:

<https://www.crimesceneinvestigatoredu.org/forensic-artist/>

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