

# FORENSIC SCIENCE, BIOLOGY CONCENTRATION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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**State Control Number:** 44585

**Program Code:** BIOL.FSBC.CA

**Program Length:** 24 months

**Approved for Federal Financial Aid:** Pending (<https://catalog.vvc.edu/student-resources/financing-education/#Pending-FedAid>)

The certificate in Forensic Science, Biology Concentration fosters student interest in applying scientific knowledge and skills of biology and chemistry to legal issues (i.e., in an area of the forensic sciences). This program promotes the development of vital methods such as blood splatter analysis and time since death intervals in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies.

Students wishing to pursue a career in one of the forensic sciences should consult counselors in biology, chemistry, or anthropology. Entry-level employment in criminalistics commonly requires a major in one of the natural or physical sciences.

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
Complete all of the following with a C or better		
<i>Group 1</i>		
BIOL 145	Forensic Pathology	3.0
BIOL 146	Principles of Forensic Biology	4.0
BIOL 221	General Microbiology	5.0
BIOL 231	Human Physiology	5.0
BIOL 295BH	Biological Research II - Experimental½design	4.0
<i>Group 2</i>		
Complete 4.0 units from the following courses		4.0
BIOL 118	Principles of Heredity	
BIOL 295CH	Biological Research III - Research½design & Analysis	
ANTH 107	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology½and Archaeology	
CJ 67	Crime Scene Investigation	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>25</b>