

# Forensic Science Assessment Test

The Forensic Science Assessment Test (FSAT) was developed by representatives of the American Board of Criminalistics (ABC), Forensic Educators Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC), Council of Forensic Science Educators (COFSE) and the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD). The former ABC General Knowledge Examination was the starting point for the test which was developed for students in their last semester of an academic Forensic Science program, either a graduate or undergraduate program. Results from this test can be used by students to show prospective employers their level of forensic science knowledge. Additionally, students may wish to use the test to compare their knowledge to other individuals in their peer group. Academic programs can also use the results of the examination as a measure of program assessment.

Students will receive their scores directly from the ABC. If the students sign a waiver releasing their scores to their Program Director and return the waiver to the ABC, their Program Director will receive the student's results as well. Either way, the Program Director will receive a summation of their students' scores and the institution's rank compared to other institutions participating in this year's examination. Scores will be available in June and January of each year.

The test consists of 220 multiple-choice questions (a few multiple multiple-choice) of which 200 will be scored. The remaining 20 questions are being piloted for future FSAT examinations. Three hours are allowed to finish the test. Questions cover all disciplines in a crime laboratory plus the areas of law, ethics, safety and photography. The areas of Forensic Molecular Biology, Trace Evidence, Drug Analysis, Toxicology, Fingerprints, Questioned Documents and Firearms/Toolmarks will be scored independently as a percentage and a rank across all other scores for the semester, as well as a part of the total score. This is not a pass/fail test. A numerical score out of a possible 1200 points will be provided to the student.

The FSAT is given at each participating academic institution and administered by the program director or another faculty member.

# REQUEST FOR ABC EXAMINATION SEAT

Please reserve a seat for me for the examination indicated below at the \_\_\_\_\_  
(organization)  
meeting in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(city/state) (date)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Examination Requested:

Comprehensive Criminalistics       Fire Debris Analysis       Trace Analysis Hairs & Fibers

Drug Analysis       Molecular Biology       Trace Analysis Paints & Polymers

**Fee: \$200.00 All sitting fees are non-refundable but are transferable to another examination sitting or person.**

If you wish to sit for one of the above examinations, you must submit an application to the ABC and be notified that you have been approved to sit for the examination by the Credentials Committee.

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Forensic Science Assessment Test (FSAT)      Students only are eligible to take the FSAT.

College or University currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee: \$60.00 All sitting fees are non-refundable.**

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ABC Diplomates or Fellows as of January 1, 2008 may take an original Specialty Examination until December 31, 2012. You must have been approved by the Credentials Committee to sit for the Specialty Examination you are requesting.

## Specialty Examination Requested:

Drug Analysis       Forensic Biology Core       Trace Evidence Core  
 Fire Debris Analysis       Molecular Biology Module       Hairs & Fibers Module  
 \_\_\_\_\_       Paints & Polymers Module

**Fee: \$100.00 All sitting fees are non-refundable but are transferable to another examination sitting or person.**

For the Forensic Biology and Trace Evidence examinations, you must take the Core portion of the examination and at least one of the specialty modules. The sitting fee includes one or both of the specialty modules.

**Submit this request form along with the sitting fee no later than 60 days prior to the examination date to:**

**ABC Registrar  
P.O. Box 1358  
Palmetto, FL 34220**

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