Do you have a forensic science degree?

Are you intrigued by forensic investigation?

Are you keen to learn expert forensic identification skills and gain an internationally recognised forensic qualification?

Then a fast tracked career as a New South Wales police officer (Forensic Investigator) may be the job for you.

FETSC ARP eligibility criteria

To be considered for the program, you must have completed a forensic science degree from a recognised tertiary institution. A list of approved courses is available at: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment

How to apply for the FETSC ARP

1st Stage – Pre-employment assessments

All FETSC ARP applicants must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) before submitting an application to Charles Sturt University. The EOI form can be downloaded from: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment

EOI’s should be submitted via email to: FETSCARP@police.nsw.gov.au

Please note: FETSC ARP applicants are not guaranteed entry into the NSW Police Force or Charles Sturt University.

Following the submission of your EOI, you will attend an assessment/interview, conducted by trained Forensic Investigators. Upon completion of the interview and assessments, you will be ranked and placed on an eligibility list. You will be requested to nominate a job stream preference and when selected from the eligibility list, you will proceed further with the recruiting process. You will be advised which specific position you have been allocated, prior to being placed in the next Associate Degree in Policing Practice (ADPP).

2nd Stage – University Certificate in Workforce Essentials (UCWE)

Completion of the UCWE is mandatory for any NSW Police Force applicant. This course takes 12 weeks to complete part time. If you are selected as a FETSC ARP applicant you will be encouraged to enrol in a UCWE course as soon as possible after being notified of your selection. Some applicants may wish to enrol in a UCWE course prior
to selection, however please note the NSWPF does not reimburse any costs involved in enrolling in this course.

For the next UCWE enrolment dates please contact Charles Sturt University Admissions Centre on: 1800 334 733

3rd Stage – Police Academy Entry

Session 1 – ADPP is a 14 week, full time on campus Constable Education Program. This session introduces you to the fundamentals of policing, including law and police procedure. At the completion of stage one you are required to complete a two week field placement at a police station.

Please note: You must pass a physical fitness test before starting session 1.

Session 2 – ADPP is a further 14 week residential component at the Police College, Goulburn. During this session students are introduced to the practical aspects of policing, while continuing law and procedure studies. It also includes driver, weapons and tactics training.

Important: During session 1 and 2 of the ADPP you are not paid any income, however there is a provision for a small scholarship to pay for your room and board at the NSW Police Academy.

Towards the end of session 2 at the NSW Police Academy, you must satisfy the requirements of the physical fitness test - otherwise you may not attest as a NSW police officer.

Further information relating to entry into the ADPP is available at: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment

4th Stage – NSW Police Force Probationary Constable

At the completion of session 2 of the ADPP you will be attested into the NSW Police Force as a probationary constable and start receiving a salary. As a probationary constable you will complete the remaining requirements of the ADPP whilst undergoing a 12 month probation period performing general duties at a Sydney metropolitan police station.

Please note: There are no exemptions or waivers from the Associate Degree in Policing Practice. All FETSC ARP officers must complete the full requirements of the ADPP.

5th Stage – FETSC placement

Once you are confirmed as a constable, you are eligible to transfer into your specified FETSC position when a position becomes available to commence your formal training as a Forensic Investigator. Please note that Forensic Investigators are regularly exposed to traumatic crimes scenes and required to physically handle and examine deceased persons.

Your initial placement will be within the Sydney metropolitan area. There may be an opportunity, once you transfer into the FETSC, to apply for a Forensic Investigator position in a regional area of NSW if one is advertised, provided you have met the tenure requirements for FETSC. The current tenure period is three years before internal transfers will be considered.