

# CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

(30 hrs.)

CIP: 43.0103

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This certificate supplies the necessary skills to become investigative professionals. The course of study enables students to track down perpetrators, unravel fraud and computer-related crimes or provide assistance in missing person cases. Professional investigators are an essential resource for most law enforcement organizations. An education in criminal investigations also provides the backbone for those who wish to work within the justice department as an administrator, bailiff, private investigator, campus security or in other positions.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate investigative skills used in law enforcement and private investigation.
- Identify the ethical, procedural and statutory bases for investigations.
- Develop and manage an effective investigation plan within statutory, regulatory or organizational guidelines.
- Identify the steps of crime scene processing, documentation and summarize the procedures for protecting the evidence and setting crime scene perimeters.
- Describe the methods used to deal with witnesses, family members and databases.
- Describe different types of evidence and the process used to identify physical evidence.
- Summarize the protocols and techniques for handling, collecting and preserving evidence, and define the chain of custody.
- Describe the role of investigators in forensic and legal procedures.
- Assess and finalize investigations, and produce an investigation report that will be defensible in court.

## CORE REQUIREMENTS: (30 HRS.)

CRJS 115	Foundations of Professional Investigation (3)
CRJS 120	Courtroom Survival for Law Enforcement (3)
CRJS 121	Report Writing for Law Enforcement (3)
CRJS 135	Forensic Science I (3)
CRJS 204	The Law and the Professional Investigator (3)
CRJS 215	Investigative Surveillance (3)
CRJS 231	Criminal Investigations (3)
CRJS 232	Crime Profiling (3)
CRJS 233	Cyber Crime (3)
CRJS 234	Introduction to Death Investigation (3)

NOTE: See “College Success Course Requirement” on Page 10.

**TOTAL 30 CREDITS**