



University Extension  
Professional Studies

# FIND THE EVIDENCE. SOLVE THE CRIME.

## Professional Certificate in Crime Scene Investigation



**Crime Scene Investigation is the meeting point of science, logic and law. If the idea of tying these three disciplines together intrigues you, make a point to examine the evidence.** Popular television shows only tell part of the story of the life of a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI). Either a field or a lab can be their office as they work at collecting and processing evidence, and securing the crime scene. Most CSIs work for a law enforcement agency, crime lab, or coroner's office.

Whether you are preparing to enter the field of crime scene investigation, or you want to improve your current skills and expertise, this program is for you. Each course is taught by a top-notch instructor who uses a hands-on approach. Learn the fundamental theories of physical evidence, and examine the elements of crimes. The curriculum meets the required instructional topics for the Crime Scene Investigator Certification through the International Association for Identification.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

The fundamentals of crime scene investigation

Best practices and methods for collection and preservation of evidence

Crime scene management including detecting, photographing, and chain of custody issues



**TOTAL UNITS**  
20



**TUITION**  
\$4,100



**COMPLETION TIME**  
12 months



**FORMAT**  
Online



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## BENEFITS OF EARNING A CERTIFICATE

There are several reasons why, Bachelor's degree in hand, you might be considering continuing your studies. An upgraded education section on your resume can open the door to a new career, or, if you're already working, lead to a promotion and a higher salary. While you're working, going back to school is an excellent way to stay current in rapidly changing fields, or, if you've been away from the workforce for a while, to quickly get caught up in the latest trends, concepts, and advances.

While there are as many paths to follow, as there are reasons to follow them when approaching continuing education, there is enormous value in terms of time, financial investment, and personal flexibility while gaining practical training from working professionals in your industry that extends beyond the theory of the classroom and into the real world.

### KEY BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- UC quality curriculum
- Professional endorsements
- Schedule flexibility
- Variety of courses and programs
- Instruction from professional leaders in the industry

## PAY AS YOU GO



**Pay per individual course**  
as you register.

AVERAGE COURSE TUITION

**\$350-400 PER (2 UNIT) COURSE**

\*Learn more about [tuition assistance](#).

## CAREER INFORMATION



### IN-DEMAND FIELD

Jobs are projected to grow at a rate of 5% over the next 5 years.



### STRONG EARNING POTENTIAL

Median Salary **\$109,887**



### VARIETY OF JOBS TO CHOOSE FROM

- Crime Laboratory Analyst
- Crime Scene Analyst
- Crime Scene Investigator/Technician
- Evidence Technician
- Forensic Science Examiner



### SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

- Critical Thinking
- Complex Problem Solving
- Judgment and Decision Making



### REALITY CHECK. WHAT YOU WILL DO ON THE JOB.

- Analyze forensic evidence to solve crimes
- Prepare scientific or technical reports or presentations
- Record research or operational data
- Interpret research or operational data
- Testify at legal or legislative proceedings

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## STUDY PLAN

Our certificate programs are designed to be flexible, allowing you the option to take just a few courses or earn the complete certificate. If choosing to complete the certificate, we recommend you get the most out of your experience by following the suggested completion path below.

Required Courses		
QUARTER		UNITS
1	Crime Scene Management <a href="#">SOC X415.51</a>	2
	Introduction to Criminal Law and Procedure <a href="#">SOC X4</a>	3
2	Crime Scene Photography <a href="#">SOC X415.4</a>	3
	Introduction to Digital Forensics <a href="#">SOC X413.11</a>	2
	Courtroom Testimony Fundamentals <a href="#">SOC X415.13</a>	1
3	Fingerprint Techniques and Impression Evidence <a href="#">SOC X415.6</a>	2
	Autopsy: Medicolegal Death Investigation <a href="#">SOC X417.71</a>	2
4	Survey of Criminalistics <a href="#">SOC X415.8</a>	2
	Bloodstain Pattern Analysis <a href="#">SOC X415.10</a>	2
	Forensic Report Writing <a href="#">SOC X415.12</a>	1

## ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT STEP?

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