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FORENSICS IDENTIFICATION

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

CERTIFICATE

The Forensic Identification Certificate is intended for students preparing for an entry level career in the criminal justice field. Sixteen Semester Units are awarded for completion of the Certificate, which can be applied towards an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree in Administration of Justice.

The Certificate is also recommended for career law enforcement professionals and/or returning students who might have a degree in another field and desire a certificate in forensics identification for employment purposes or for career enhancement.

CERTIFICATE OBJECTIVE

This certificate is designed to give the student the knowledge to be able to locate, identify, process and preserve a crime scene and testify in court as to their findings.

EXAMPLES OF ENTRY LEVEL JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

- Crime Scene Technician
- Crime Scene Photographer
- Fingerprint Examiner
- Crime Lab Assistant
- Coroner Trainee
- Community Service Officer

PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Police Officer
- Municipal, State, Federal and Private Investigators

REQUIRED COURSES

Certificate of Achievement in Forensic Identification requires completion of all the following courses:

UNITS	
AJ 041	Effective Written Communications (Class also available On-Line) 3
AJ 104	Legal Aspects of Evidence (Class also available On-Line) 3
AJ 208	Principles of Investigation (Class also available On-Line) 3
AJ 275	Introduction to Forensic Science (Class also available On-Line) 3
PAC 43.17	Crime Scene Investigation (Prerequisite: AJ 275) .5
PAC 43.27	Advanced Latent Fingerprints (Prerequisite: PAC 43.80) .5
PAC 43.28	Advanced Crime Scene Techniques (Prerequisite: AJ 208) .5
PAC 43.30	Trial Preparation and Courtroom Demeanor (Prerequisite: AJ 104) .5
PAC 43.55	Advanced Police Video/Photography (Prerequisite: PHOTO 190) .5
PAC 43.80	Fingerprint Classification .5
PAC 43.81	Friction Skin Comparison (Prerequisite: PAC 43.80) .5
PAC 43.82	Death Investigation (Prerequisite: PAC 43.28) .5
Total: 16 units	

Mandatory Orientation Meeting: There will be seven orientation meetings. It is mandatory that students attend one of the seven orientation meetings scheduled for: April 9, 2009, May 14, 2009, July 9, 2009, August 13, 2009, October 8, 2009, November 12, 2009 and December 10, 2009. All meetings start at 5:30 pm and will take place at the Rio Hondo College Police Academy. For information please call 562-463-7733.

Registration & Counseling Services: Students should make an appointment with a counselor to develop an educational plan by calling 562-463-7575. Students are required to follow all registration procedures listed in the class schedule.

Background Investigation: Positions with law enforcement organizations normally require appointees to successfully complete a thorough background investigation including a fingerprint check, credit check and criminal history check. Some agencies also require a polygraph examination.

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE SHORT TERM PAC COURSES WILL BE PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

Four (4) Short Term PAC courses offered during Fall 2009 and Five (5) Short Term PAC courses in Spring 2010. All of the courses are 24 hour intensive courses that will take place on Friday evenings from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM and on Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Students are eligible for a Certificate of Completion when they complete all of the listed courses and submit a Certificate Request form to Admissions and Records. Below are the schedules of the PAC Short Term Courses for Fall 2009 and Spring 2010.

FALL 2009 FORENSICS SHORT TERM PAC COURSES

PAC 43.80 FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION 1/2 UNIT / 24 HOURS

Advisory: READ 023, ENGL 035, AJ 041, AJ 104, AJ 208, AJ 275

This course is designed for students interested in the field of fingerprint comparison, forensics and law enforcement. The course provides training in the study of the science of fingerprints. Topics include the ethics and professional conduct of fingerprint examiners, the historical development of fingerprint science, fingerprint pattern interpretation, the Henry System of fingerprint classification, the N.C.I.C. classification system, recording inked finger and palm prints, and the automated fingerprint identification system.

All sections of PAC 43.80 have a materials fee of up to \$25.00 per ticket number.

THE COURSE MEETS: SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 2009

0048	F	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM		
	Sat/Sun	8:00 AM - 6:30 PM	LEO B	Rm HS 8

PAC 43.17 CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION 1/2 UNIT / 24 HOURS

Prerequisite: AJ 275

Advisory: ENGL 035, READ 023, AJ 041, AJ 104, and AJ 208

This course is designed to present a detailed study of the various investigative and scientific aspects of crime scene investigation. Emphasis will be placed on the collection, preservation, identification and packaging of evidence. Several field problems will be conducted to give the student practical experience in the proper methods of crime scene investigation. This course may be taken once and repeated three times for credit.

All sections of PAC 43.17 have a materials fee of up to \$25.00 per ticket number.

THE COURSE MEETS: OCTOBER 23, 24, 25, 2009

0270	F	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM		
	Sat/Sun	8:00 AM - 6:30 PM	FLORES R	Rm HS 8

PAC 43.27 ADVANCED LATENT FINGERPRINTS 1/2 UNIT / 24 HOURS

Prerequisite: PAC 43.80

Advisory: READ 023, ENGL 035, AJ 041, AJ 104, AJ 208, AJ 275

This course is designed for students interested in the field of fingerprint comparison, forensics and law enforcement. The course stresses advanced fingerprint identification techniques including the latest print development techniques using various powders, chemicals, and forensic light sources. This course may be taken once and repeated three times for credit.

All sections of PAC 43.27 have a materials fee of up to \$25.00 per ticket number.

THE COURSE MEETS: NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15, 2009

1694	F	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM		
	Sat/Sun	8:00 AM - 6:30 PM	LEO B	Rm HS 8

PAC 43.30 TRIAL PREPARATION AND COURTROOM DEMEANOR 1/2 UNIT / 24 HOURS

Prerequisite: AJ 104

Advisory: ENGL 035, READ 023, PAC 43.82, PAC 43.28, PAC 43.17, AJ 041, AJ 208, and AJ 275

This course is designed for students interested in a career in the field of criminal justice, forensics and for crime scene personnel. The course will prepare students to give effective testimony in a court of law as related to recognizing, obtaining, developing and preserving physical evidence. The course will include courtroom demeanor, how to qualify as an expert witness, the study of direct and cross examination questions and participation in moot court training. This course may be taken once and repeated three times for credit.

All sections of PAC 43.30 have a materials fee of up to \$25.00 per ticket number.

THE COURSE MEETS: DECEMBER 4, 5, 6, 2009

1695	F	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM		
	Sat/Sun	8:00 AM - 6:30 PM	NATHAN D	Rm HS 8