

The Forensic Disciplines of Medicolegal Death Investigation

This is a self-paced class with continuous enrollment

Cost: \$25.00

The investigation of death, particularly sudden and unexpected death, has been a principal service provided by the forensic science professions. Although primarily the responsibility of the medical examiner or coroner in a particular jurisdiction, the varied nature of the deaths investigated often brings into play many of the forensic science disciplines.

This course is designed to provide a review of death investigation basics first discussed in Medicolegal Investigation of Death, and give an overview of the forensic expertise a coroner or medical examiner might need to draw from in order to conclude a case successfully. While taking Medicolegal Investigation of Death would be beneficial before taking this course – especially for those in coroner or medical examiner offices who expect to be actively involved in death investigations, it is not required.

This course is ideal for those in law enforcement who desire an understanding of collateral tests that might be performed on a deceased whose death they are investigating. Those mastering this information will be perfectly positioned to take the courses in the series of Advanced Forensic Investigation Techniques.

No text book purchase is required. Online references have been provided. The student is expected to read all 15 lessons, and take the associated exams. In addition, there are assignments and online exercises to get the most benefit from this course.

The course will deal at length with the following Topics:

Section 1 – Scene Investigation

- Lesson 1 – The Death Scene
- Lesson 2 – Scene Investigation Procedures

Section 2 – The Autopsy Process

- Lesson 3 – The Medicolegal Autopsy: Procedures and Interpretation
- Lesson 4 – Cause of Death Statements and the Death Certificate

Section 3 – The Laboratory in Support of the Death Investigation

- Lesson 5 – Forensic Toxicology
- Lesson 6 – Alcohol Determination and Interpretation
- Lesson 7 – Forensic Serology

Section 4 – Application of Other Forensic Science Disciplines to Death Investigation

- Lesson 8 – Forensic Anthropology
- Lesson 9 – Forensic Odontology
- Lesson 10 – Forensic Engineering
- Lesson 11 – Questioned Documents

Section 5 – Special Applications

Lesson 12 – Deaths in Children: Perinatal Deaths, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Child Abuse

Lesson 13 – Medicolegal Death Investigations in Mass Disasters

Lesson 14 – The Psychological Autopsy

Lesson 15 – Application of the Psychological Autopsy

Students have the opportunity to purchase certificates upon successful completion of the course.

Grading Policy

A = 100 - 90

B = 89 - 80

C = 79 - 70

D = 69 - 60

F = 59 - Below

This course is worth 2 Continuing Education Units (2 CEUs)

- A score of 90% and above entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Academic Excellence**
- A score of 80-89% entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Merit**
- A score of 75% entitles the student to purchase a **Certificate of Appreciation**

Certificates cost \$25 and can be purchased after completion of the course.

Disclaimer

This class is for informational or refresher purposes, not certification. It cannot be substituted for any state, government, licensing, or educational requirements.

Questions?

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