

Medicolegal Investigation of Death

This is a self-paced class with continuous enrollment

Cost: \$25.00

To complete a death investigation successfully requires both medical and legal knowledge, hence the process is known as the 'medicolegal investigation of death.' Since death is often a natural medical event that demands an understanding of human anatomy, physiology, and disease processes, the need for medical knowledge is obvious. Likewise, as some deaths may involve the commission of a crime or other unnatural events, it is also essential to have an understanding of jurisdictional laws and the legal aspects of a case.

This course explains – from first arrival at the scene to the final disposition of the remains – the procedures involved in a medicolegal death investigation. In addition, it provides a concise review of forensic pathology, an overview of the many types of forensic experts available to complete a death investigation, and a refresher lesson on human anatomy and physiology. With each lesson, students will follow the medicolegal investigation of actual cases, answering a series of questions on each.

No text book purchase is required. Online references have been provided. The student is expected to read all 13 lessons, and take the associated exams. In addition, there are case studies, assignments, and online exercises to get the most benefit from this course.

The course will deal at length with the following Topics:

- Lesson 1 – Interacting with Federal, State, and Local Agencies
- Lesson 2 – Arriving at the Scene
- Lesson 3 -- Investigating Deaths
- Lesson 4 – Documenting and Evaluating the Scene
- Lesson 5 – Identifying and Preserving Evidence
- Lesson 6 – Completing the Scene Investigation
- Lesson 7 – Opening the Lines of Communication
- Lesson 8 – Interacting with Families
- Lesson 9 – Maintaining Ethical and Legal Responsibilities
- Lesson 10 – Demonstrating Knowledge of Forensic Pathology
- Lesson 11 – Demonstrating Knowledge of Forensic Science
- Lesson 12 – Demonstrating Medical Knowledge
- Lesson 13 – Investigating Multiple Fatality Scenes and Coping with Job-Related Stress

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 3 Continuing Education Units (3 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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