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## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION



### Why Crime Scene Investigation?

This certificate is designed to provide a strong academic and skill building pattern of coursework to prepare students to enter the professional field with the academic and technical knowledge and skills in forensic and criminal investigative techniques used within crime scene investigations.

Successful completion of the program will give students sufficient skills and understanding of criminal investigative procedures, procedural law, legal aspects of evidence, and criminal investigations.

# NORCO COLLEGE

School of Social  
and Behavioral Sciences

# CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION CERTIFICATE

This certificate is designed to offer a basic pattern of course work that will prepare the participant to enter the professional field of crime scene investigation and forensic science at the assistant level. The successful participant will gain sufficient skills and understanding of the criminal investigative procedure to properly gather, analyze, prepare, and present crime scene evidence.

## Certificate Requirements (21 Units)

- ADJ-2 Principles & Procedures of the Justice System
- ADJ-3\* Concepts of Criminal law
- ADJ-4 Legal Aspects of Evidence
- ADJ-12 Criminalistics
- ADJ-13 Criminal Investigation
- ADJ-14 Advanced Criminal Investigations
- ADJ-27 Forensic and Crime Scene Photography **OR** PHO-27

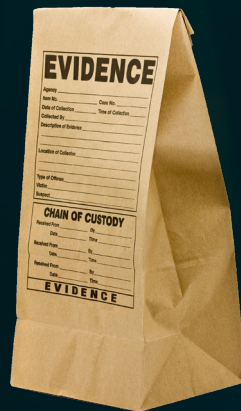
*\*Course may be used to fulfill GE Requirements.*



## COURSE WORK

**ADJ-2: Principles and Procedures of the Justice System.** This course provides an examination and analysis of due process in criminal proceedings from pre-arrest through trial and appeal utilizing statutory law and state and constitutional precedents.

**ADJ-3: Concepts of Criminal Law.** This course reviews the historical development, philosophy of law and constitutional provisions regarding the classification of crimes and their application to the system of administration of justice.



**ADJ-4: Legal Aspects of Evidence.** This course provides an overview of the origin, development, philosophy and constitutional basis of evidence, constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure, degrees of evidence and rules governing admissibility.

**ADJ-12 – Criminalistics.** This course introduces students to the role of criminalistics in criminal investigations. It includes the methods utilized in the forensic analysis of crime scenes, pattern evidence, instruments, trace evidence, biological evidence, weapons and firearms, questioned documents, and controlled substances.

## COURSE WORK

**ADJ-13 - Criminal Investigation.** This course introduces students to the fundamentals of investigation, crime scene search and recording, collection and preservation of physical evidence.

**ADJ-14: Advanced Criminal Investigation.** This course is advanced training and skill development in the conduct of crime scene investigation and in the recording, collection and preservation of physical evidence. Focus is on the understanding and working knowledge of fingerprints, ballistics, firearms identification, varieties of trace evidence and a basic introduction to forensic sciences.

**ADJ-27: Forensic & Crime Scene Photography.** This course covers the theory and practice of forensic and crime scene photography, with a specific focus upon the proficiency and development of technical photography skills in legal and field environments including basic principles of photography, a focus upon photographic documentation of forensic environments, forensic light source photography, and lawful photographic evidence collection.

## OTHER PROGRAM OFFERINGS

The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences also offers an Associate of Science Degree and an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) in Administration of Justice. Please look at the college's catalog for a full description of our degree programs.