

Certificate in

Private Investigation

Upon completion of this program, you will receive job announcements for a year.

THE PROGRAM

Private investigators offer a myriad of services depending upon the needs of their clients including executive, corporate, and celebrity protection; pre-employment verification; and individual background profiling. They also provide assistance in civil liability and personal injury cases, insurance claims and fraud, child custody and protection cases, and premarital screening. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of private investigators is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2010 as a result of the public's increased fear of crime, increased litigation, and the need to protect confidential information and property.

The goal of the Certificate in Private Investigation is to meet the educational needs of individuals seeking to enter the field of private investigation, as well as providing professional development for current investigators who desire to improve their knowledge in the field and review the issues and latest techniques in investigative methodology. The Certificate in Private Investigation consists of five courses totaling 60 hours of lecture and hands-on experience. The certificate graduate will receive 6.0 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Loss prevention agents
- SIU-Investigators
- Claims adjusters
- Fraud examiners
- Investigators-legal/corporate/financial/retail
- Individuals with an investigative mind

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THE CLASSES

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROFESSION OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATION

(0.6 CEUs/6 hours)

Prerequisite: none. In this class, there will be an emphasis on different types of investigative work, licensure requirements, and the role and functions of private investigators. You will also develop a working knowledge of professional ethics in the field. Investigative opportunities in the business community will also be covered.

Note: Individuals with a minimum of three or more years investigative experience can waive this class with prior approval of the program manager

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION

(1.5 CEUs/15 hours)

Prerequisite: none. This class is designed to enhance your legal knowledge and your professional understanding of the field of private investigation through study of selected sections of the California Penal Code. You will also develop a working knowledge of the criminal justice process and how it relates to private investigators.

APPLIED INVESTIGATIVE PRACTICES

(1.5 CEUs/15 hours)

Prerequisite: none. Learn the various practices and techniques used in private investigation. Enhance your ability to perform effective record searches through public information sources. You will learn how to decipher and summarize court files and public documents in various types of investigations. You will also learn how to gather and evaluate facts surrounding a crime, properly gather evidence and develop witnesses and statements through interviews.

INVESTIGATIVE SPECIALIZATION

(1.5 CEUs/15 hours)

Prerequisite: none. Develop the skills needed for investigations in such specialized areas as background, insurance fraud, personal injury, surveillance, skip tracing and missing persons.

OPTIMIZING INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES

(0.9 CEUs/9 hours)

Prerequisite: completion of the four previous classes in this certificate. This capstone class includes a comprehensive overview of the private investigation profession and the activities and techniques used in the industry. Through projects and case studies, you will have the opportunity to use what you learned in the four previous classes. You will also learn how to create opportunities for employment through contacts, networking and other resources.



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