

FORENSIC STUDIES

Certificate of Achievement Career/Technical (Major Code: C2706)

Students with an interest in the field of criminal justice, but with a particular interest in science and evidence collection, are encouraged to pursue the Forensic Studies Certificate. This certificate was designed to prepare interested people/ students for careers as Field Evidence Technicians (FET), formerly known as Crime Scene Investigators (CSI) positions. People engaged in this vocational area (FET) aid and work with investigators at crime scenes. Specifically, they locate, collect, and package evidence. Typically, they work with field investigators in the course of criminal or civil investigations. This certificate gives them the basic science background (Educational and Practical) needed for the FET position. The Forensic Studies certificate satisfies entry-level job requirements in the area of Field Evidence Technicians (FET) in the forensics area. Students interested in careers in this area should be aware that some practical experience away from the classroom is usually required prior to paid employment. Many students find it helpful if not necessary, to volunteer at crime laboratories and police agencies in order to gain the necessary experience prior to completion of the certificate. Students can also volunteer as tutors/ class assistants in the SWC forensic classes at Southwestern College in order to gain this required experience prior to completion. The student must remember that this is a technical field requiring a combination of education and practical experience.

Program Student Learning Outcome

- Demonstrate ability to observe objectively and to collect data and facts in order to make an informed judgment.

Gainful Employment

The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges to disclose a variety of information for any financial aid eligible program that "prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation."

Students who complete this program will have acquired the necessary analytical tools to successfully secure gainful employment in the field of study.

For more information regarding the data provided for this program and what it means to you as a student, please feel free to visit our SWC Gainful Employment website at: www.swccd.edu/gainfulemployment (<http://www.swccd.edu/gainfulemployment/>).

Code	Title	Units
Program Requirements		
AJ 111	INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	3
AJ 151	CONCEPTS OF CRIMINAL LAW	3
AJ 156	LEGAL ASPECTS OF EVIDENCE	3
AJ 166	PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION	4
AJ 167	WRITTEN COMMUNICATION IN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	3
AJ 171	EVIDENCE TECHNOLOGY	4
AJ 216	LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINER	4
AJ 222	DIGITAL FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHY	4
BIOL 100	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	3

BIOL 101	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY LABORATORY	1
CHEM 100	INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL CHEMISTRY	4
Total Units		36