

CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

Description and Outcomes

The Crime Scene Technician Certificate program is designed to provide you with a foundational understanding of the analytical procedures used by crime scene technicians, as well as the documentation, collection, and preservation processes employed to handle evidence. Program coursework will cover evidentiary procedures in a criminal investigation, such as locating, collecting, and analyzing crime scene evidence, handling and processing physical evidence, identifying the boundaries of a crime scene, managing a crime scene, and searching the crime scene for specific types of evidence that can be used in a criminal prosecution.

Program Length

The Crime Scene Technician Certificate program consists of a minimum of 41 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a certificate.

Program Outcomes

1. Composition: Demonstrate college-level writing, research, documentation, and critical thinking skills.
2. Describe analytical procedures used by forensic scientists in the application of science to law.
3. Initiate procedures used in the documentation, collection, and preservation of physical evidence.
4. Ethically apply appropriate investigative methods used in forensic science.
5. Apply investigative theory and methodology with scientific theory and methodology in the resolution of criminal cases.
6. Process a crime scene.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Please refer to school-specific policies (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/>) and the Policy Information (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/>) section for general Purdue Global policies.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams


Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information










(<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Requirements		
CJ101	 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	
CJ102	 Criminology I	
100/200 Level	Composition Course	
100/200 Level	Mathematics Requirement ¹	
100/200 Level	Science Requirement ¹	
Major Requirements		
CJ210	 Criminal Investigation	5
CJ328	 Forensic Fingerprint Analysis	6
CJ345	 Supervisory Practices in Criminal Justice	6
CJ355	 Homeland Security	6
CJ370	 Crime Scene Investigation II	6
CJ385	 Forensic Chemistry and Trace Evidence Analysis	6
CJ444	 Managing Criminal Justice Organizations	6
Total Major Requirements		41
TOTAL CREDITS		41

¹ For options to fulfill this requirement, see the corresponding literacy in General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>).