Investigative Psychology Certificate Program

Core topics include:
1. Introduction to Investigative Psychology
2. Decision Making & Information Retrieval
3. Behavioral Analysis – Profiling the Crime Scene
5. Behavioral Analysis – Profiling the Offender
6. Profiling in Practice

Prerequisites:
The focus of this course is on developing key skills for informed professional practice. This certificate is tailored to professionals with experience in law enforcement, investigations, crime analysis, law, psychology, or other related practical fields, who want to gain an understanding of crime scene analysis, and how the principles underlying its scientific practice can be helpful to current practice. The certificate can also be used as further professional development in other related fields that aim to gain an understanding of best practices in decision making and analysis of information. The course may also be taken by students with a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent, or an advanced degree in Psychology, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law, Forensic Sciences, Forensic Accounting, or a related field, who are looking to add to their portfolio. However, such students will be required to demonstrate previous or current relevant practical or research experience. Due to the nature of the content that will be covered in this course, it is not suitable for individuals with a casual non-professional interest in criminology or other social or forensic sciences.

The course is taught over 6 weeks, in a fully online environment, through both video instruction and personal study, as well as through group work with fellow participants on crime scene investigation simulations. The course is flexible for participants to be able to manage the course around their own schedules, but will also include a number of live online webinars during which participants will engage in simulated investigation exercises. Good time management skills and ability to meet deadlines is essential.

Computer skills are an advantage but are not required to participate in this course. However, access to a computer and internet throughout the course is imperative.

Course format and time requirement
- Weekly readings
- Weekly online instructional videos
- Individual and group exercises
- Online class discussions
- Weekly personal progress updates applying course material to practice
- 6 weeks of approximately 4-8 hours weekly time commitment

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