

Course Description:

CJK0079 | Crime Scene Follow-up Investigations |1.13 credits

The student will learn evidence rules and concepts, securing the crime scene and documentation and handling procedures. The student will also learn follow up and review of initial information procedures and how to prepare for court. For School of Justice students only.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will learn evidence rules and concepts by:

- 1. Applying the rules and concepts of evidence to a crime scene and follow-up investigation to support a successful prosecution
- 2. Discussing how to secure, protect, and manage a crime scene independently or as part of a team to support successful prosecution of a crime
- 3. Identifying and managing victims, witnesses, and suspects at a crime scene and gathering and sharing information with a supervisor or investigator
- 4. Describing how to photograph and sketch the crime scene and associated evidence, including evidence on a person, while ensuring privacy and dignity
- 5. Demonstrating a search for and recognize several types of evidence; collect, package, and preserve evidence; and initiate a chain of custody

Competency 2: The student will learn how to follow up investigation by:

- 1. Describing how to initiate a follow-up investigation through incident report analysis, by following leads, and by working with field contacts and confidential sources of information
- 2. Describing how to gather information on an unknown suspect through crime patterns and a suspect's modus operandi
- 3. Describing how to gather information from additional sources when searching for a known suspect or wanted person
- 4. Discussing how to conduct a show-up and a live and photo lineup that is legally defensible in court

Competency 3: The student will learn how to prepare for court by:

- 1. preparing for and giving courtroom testimony
- 2. responding appropriately to cross-examination tactics

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information