



# Basic Latent Print Comparison Course

Build the foundation. Learn the science. Begin the analysis.

This 40-hour foundational training course is designed for beginner latent print examiners, law enforcement officers, crime scene investigators, crime laboratory analysts, and other forensic personnel who would benefit from learning the fundamentals of latent print analysis and comparison.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 40-hour foundational course provides introductory training in latent print analysis and comparison for beginner latent print examiners, law enforcement officers, crime scene investigators, crime laboratory analysts, and other forensic personnel. Participants are introduced to the history and scientific basis of fingerprint identification, including friction ridge skin anatomy and physiology, pattern types, ridge characteristics, and the standardized terminology used by latent print examiners worldwide.

Through hands-on comparison exercises, students will perform known-to-known and latent-to-known comparisons while learning the fundamentals of the ACE-V methodology (Analysis, Comparison, Evaluation, and Verification). The course also introduces essential concepts related to courtroom testimony, including the Daubert and Frye standards, expert witness qualifications, and professional courtroom etiquette, providing a strong foundation for advanced latent print training.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES:

**By the end of this course, participants will be able to:**

- Explain the scientific principles underlying latent print identification
- Recognize and describe friction ridge anatomy and pattern types
- Apply accepted terminology used in latent print examination
- Conduct basic comparison exercises using known and latent prints
- Understand and articulate the ACE-V methodology
- Demonstrate foundational awareness of courtroom testimony standards

## ◆ COURSE HIGHLIGHTS ◆

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- ✓ Beginner latent print examiners
- ✓ Crime scene investigators & evidence technicians
- ✓ Law enforcement personnel
- ✓ Crime laboratory analysts
- ✓ Agencies developing or expanding latent print capabilities

### COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Foundational science of fingerprint identification
- Friction ridge skin anatomy and physiology
- Pattern types and ridge characteristics
- Hands-on comparison exercises
- Introduction to ACE-V methodology
- Courtroom testimony fundamentals

### WHY THIS TRAINING MATTERS

Latent print examination requires a strong scientific foundation, disciplined methodology, and consistent terminology. This course provides the essential building blocks needed for accurate analysis, defensible conclusions, and future success in advanced latent print training and courtroom testimony.

### DATE, TIME, and LOCATION:



**Date & Time:**  
July 27th - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
8:00am - 5:00pm



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