

Course Title:

RS&A - Scientific Analysis: From the Laboratory to the Witness Stand – Minneapolis MN

Course Dates:

02-03-2020 thru 02-07-2020

Tuition Cost:

\$600.00

I.A.I. Approved Hours for Certification or Re-certification:

40 Hours

Course Location:

City of Lakes Building
309 2nd Avenue South
Room 101
Minneapolis MN

Course Instructor(s):

Michele Triplett, CLPE

Course Description:

This is the class which the forensic identification community has been pleading for a long time and one which should become mandatory training for any pattern evidence examiners who are expected to provide expert witness testimony in today's ever changing environment. It combines training in scientific analysis with the skill sets necessary to articulate your opinion while on the witness stand as an expert witness.

We all know that proper application and articulation of scientific principles to forensic evidence is a basic requirement of the modern day forensic practitioner. This five day course will explore and explain basic scientific principles as they pertain to pattern evidence comparisons, conclusions and testimony. Although the primary forensic discipline addressed will be friction ridge analysis, the majority of the instruction will be equally relevant to other pattern evidence disciplines. Practical exercises are designed to show the benefits of questioning information over accepting information as a means of improvement. For an expert witness to be able to convey the scientific reasoning behind their conclusion requires that they fully understand it themselves. Opinions without justification no longer meet the needs of the court and this course is designed to bridge the gap between what has been common practice in the past and what is now required in the post-Daubert environment. This is not a basic courtroom testimony class but should be considered required training for anyone who will be asked to offer scientific opinion testimony as an expert witness.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for all pattern evidence practitioners, especially friction ridge examiners, regardless of their level of experience. More experienced examiners will be able to learn an improved method of conveying their opinions from a more scientific perspective, while less experienced examiners will be able to develop a method of examination and testimony which will withstand the current and future challenges of our legal system as they develop. The student will be able to not only better understand the scientific principles of their forensic discipline, but they will be able to articulate those principles while offering their opinion testimony as an expert witness.

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