

FIU GFJC Sample Training Agenda

10 Days: Crime Scene Bootcamp

Day 1: Crime Scene Management

- Safety protocols and best practices
- Access control
- Initial assessment
- Documentation: notes, log, sketch

Day 2: Trace Evidence (hair, fiber, glass, etc.)

- Recognition
- Manual collection and specialized equipment
- Contamination prevention
- Handling, packaging, labeling, and transportation

Day 3: Photography

- Principles and techniques
- Types of scene photos: overall, reference, close-up
- Low-light and night photography
- Use of scales and markers

Day 4: DNA

- Types of DNA evidence
- Collection: swabbing, fluids, touch
- Storage, preservation, and transportation requirements
- Chain-of-custody documentation

Day 5: Latent Print Development On-Scene (Powders)

- Types of prints (latent, patent, plastic)
- Powder choice and application
- Lifting tools and techniques

Day 6: Enhancing Latent Fingerprints on Immovable Objects

- Chemical vs. physical methods
- Surface-specific techniques
- Alternate Light Sources

Day 7: Critical Thinking & Unbiased Analysis

- Importance of objectivity
- Recognizing and avoiding cognitive biases
- Logical reasoning and deduction
- Hypothesis testing and verification
- Case study analysis
- Critical thinking errors

Day 8-10: Integration & Review

- Hands-on practice within a mock crime scene
- Comprehensive investigation with multiple types of evidence
- Team-based evidence management, documentation, and collection
- Draft and presentation of detailed report
- Review and discussion of the exercise
- Instructor feedback

