



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A130: Ethics in Forensic Science (In-Person)

Learning Objectives

This one-day (eight-hour) course focuses on the practical application of forensic science ethics codes to ethical dilemmas encountered in forensic science. Class will provide an understanding of the purpose of ethics along with discussion of key ethics documents and policies.

Attendees can expect to review

- the responsibilities of the individual
- application of current ethical principles in forensic science codes
- ethics historical background and how they are enforced
- specific behaviors valued by the forensic community
- character traits that may contribute to unethical behavior

- how to recognize and respond to unethical conduct
- how to file an ethics complaint or respond to an ethics allegation
- the impact of cognitive bias on ethical decision making
- ethical responsibilities of lawyers and discovery
- California Rules of Professional Conduct

The target audience is individuals who work with evidence in a crime laboratory.

Requirements

Applicants must be employed as a criminalist /forensic scientist in an accredited laboratory.