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Analysis & Documentation of Medicolegal Death Investigations

Instructor:

Dr. Maria Pettolina, DM, CSCSA

July 7 - 11, 2025

Tuition: \$649 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm

Location:

Habersham County Sheriff's Office
1000 Detention Center Drive | Clarkesville, GA 30523

Lodging Information:

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ABOUT TRITECH

A leader in the forensics market, Tri-Tech Forensics provides evidence collection and crime scene investigation products and training to crime labs and crime scene investigators throughout the world. With over 30 years of experience, we are the nation's most proficient developer and manufacturer of forensic kits. We are committed to providing our customers with state-of-the-art forensics products and services at affordable prices. It is our goal, through our research and development program, to continue to develop superior products and training to aid in all aspects of crime scene investigation and crime lab analysis. We know how important our products and training are to the forensics community, from investigation to prosecution. Our mission is the same as our customers – *Identify. Protect. Preserve.*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Analysis & Documentation of Medicolegal Death Investigations

This is a five-day, 40 hour, course that will cover basic topics in analysis and documentation of medicolegal death scenes, to include techniques of crime scene investigation. This course incorporates an interdisciplinary approach and is designed for death investigators, crime scene investigators, detectives, attorneys, and any other investigator involved in the scene. The course will assist the investigator with the knowledge and confidence needed to properly observe, document, and process a death scene through time of death indicators, wound characteristics, evidence collection, scene observations, etc.

Students will gain knowledge of best practices in crime scene investigation and medicolegal death investigation and analyze real-world case studies of equivocal deaths. The student will gain fundamental knowledge in all manners of death, including homicide, suicide, natural, and accidental.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

DR. MARIA PETTOLINA, DM, CSCSA



Dr. Maria Pettolina has over a decade of experience in the forensic field. She has been involved in thousands of criminal investigations and is court qualified as a forensic expert in both Crime Scene Investigation and Chemical Processing. She holds a current certification as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst through the International Association of Identification and is a member of numerous forensic organizations.

She is a national presenter and a full-time Criminology and Criminal Justice professor at University of Northern Colorado. She also instructs forensic classes as an adjunct instructor for three other universities. She has been published in forensic journals and magazines and has received over 1300 hours of specialized certificate forensic training.

She is also a consultant for a state law enforcement agency in Colorado where she advises on best practices for national accreditation. She is also the owner of a private forensic consultancy business.

Maria has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, a Master of Science in Forensic Medicine, and a Doctorate of Management in Higher Education.