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Special Programs

From time-to-time NIFS will offer special programs on select topics applicable to this field of study. For further information please check the NIFS website.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition for the Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences/Albany State University Certificate Program in Biomedical Forensic Sciences, including the sixteen (16) hour internship, is \$5,000. For students interested in enrolling in individual modules, the cost is \$500 per module. For questions regarding tuition, contact Albany State University's 24/7 hotline at (866) 579-3498 or to Enrollment Services at enrollment.services@asurams.edu.

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Module 8

Forensic Science & the Law

Forensic Science Internship

Application of Concepts Learned (16 hours)



What Are My Options?

A prospective student may apply to the Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences/Albany State University Certificate Program in Biomedical Forensic Sciences at the beginning of any module.

Option 1

A candidate seeking to obtain the full certificate in Biomedical Forensic Science must undergo the full course of study, to include eight (8) modules of study - each one month in length, plus an internship - which may vary in length up to four months. Upon completion of each module the candidate will receive four CEUs and 16 additional CEUs for the internship. This is a total award of 48 CEUs for the whole program.

Option 2

A matriculated graduate student in any university graduate program (e.g., Criminal Justice, Chemistry, Biology, Nursing, Health Sciences, Psychology, Environmental Sciences, etc.) will undergo the same course of study as described under Option 1. The awarding of academic credit for a student's participation in the certificate program as well as the sequence for taking any of the modules lies within the discretion of the student's respective school.

Option 3

A prospective student may enroll in any part of the certificate program. In other words, one may choose to enroll in as many or as few of the modules as desired. A student earns 4 CEUs upon completion of each module.

In a recent report by the National Academy of Sciences, it is very clear that the credibility of forensic science and the training of forensic scientists and specialists are very important if forensic evidence is to be of value in civil and criminal proceedings in our judicial system. The reoccurring theme is that there is a need to inform and, in some cases, train professionals from a variety of disciplines, on the reach and use of forensic science as a powerful investigative tool.

The Curriculum

The curriculum committee consists of members of the teaching faculty, our advisory board, and forensic experts in specialized areas. The following eight (8) forensic course modules will be offered for the 12-month certificate program that includes an internship.

Module 1

Forensic Biology

Module 2

Forensic Chemistry

Module 3

Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

Module 4

Crime Scene Analysis/Reconstruction & Medicolegal Death Investigation

Module 5

Forensic Anthropology, Archeology, Botany, Entomology, & Odontology: Discovery, Recovery, & Identification of Human Remains

Module 6

Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology

Module 7

Forensic Investigations of Human Rights Abuse and Torture