# Forensic Pathology: Advanced Death Investigation Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| **Category** | Criminology | **Duration** | 10 Days |
| **Base Fee** | $3,000 USD | **Delivery Mode** | Online / On-site Hybrid |

## Course Introduction

Forensic Pathology is a critical discipline in the field of criminal justice and medico-legal science. As crime scenes grow increasingly complex and public health crises evolve, the demand for skilled professionals in death investigation has soared. Training Course on Forensic Pathology: Advanced Death Investigation is designed for professionals seeking to sharpen their investigative and diagnostic expertise in medico-legal death cases. With a strong emphasis on real-world application, participants will explore the intersection of science, law, and pathology through advanced analytical methods, cutting-edge technologies, and practical simulations.

This course blends pathology with forensic science, enhancing the capacity to uncover the cause, mechanism, and manner of death. Learners will benefit from trending insights into trauma analysis, toxicology, and post-mortem diagnostics. Case-based learning and expert-led modules provide an immersive experience, equipping learners with the precision and competence to lead investigations, collaborate with law enforcement, and provide expert testimony in legal proceedings.

## Programme Curriculum

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**Course Objectives**

1. Understand advanced forensic pathology principles and autopsy protocols.
2. Analyze complex trauma patterns in homicide and accidental deaths.
3. Identify post-mortem changes using modern imaging techniques.
4. Utilize toxicological analysis for drug-related and poisoning deaths.
5. Investigate asphyxial deaths including hanging, strangulation, and drowning.
6. Evaluate gunshot wounds and ballistics-related forensic evidence.
7. Examine decomposed and skeletonized remains for identification.
8. Interpret forensic entomology in estimating time since death.
9. Apply digital forensics and AI tools in death investigation.
10. Strengthen courtroom testimony skills as expert forensic witnesses.
11. Collaborate effectively with multidisciplinary forensic teams.
12. Explore global trends in forensic death investigation.
13. Uphold ethical standards and legal protocols in forensic pathology.

**Target Audience**

1. Forensic Pathologists
2. Medical Examiners
3. Law Enforcement Investigators
4. Criminal Justice Students
5. Forensic Science Professionals
6. Coroners and Death Investigators
7. Emergency Physicians
8. Legal Professionals and Prosecutors

**Course Duration:** 10 days

**Course Modules**

**Module 1: Principles of Forensic Pathology**

- History and evolution of forensic pathology
- Role of the forensic pathologist in death investigation
- Autopsy classification: clinical, medico-legal, forensic
- Chain of custody and medico-legal documentation
- Jurisdiction and reporting systems
- **Case Study:** Misdiagnosed Cause of Death in a Suspicious Suicide Case

**Module 2: External and Internal Examination Techniques**

- Step-by-step autopsy procedures
- Identifying and interpreting external injuries
- Techniques in organ dissection and histological sampling
- Indicators of disease vs trauma
- Documentation and photography protocols
- **Case Study:** Hidden Blunt Force Trauma in a Domestic Violence Fatality

**Module 3: Post-Mortem Interval Estimation**

- Rigor mortis, livor mortis, and algor mortis
- Decomposition stages and body changes
- Entomological evidence and insect colonization
- Forensic taphonomy
- Estimating PMI using biochemical markers
- **Case Study:** Estimating PMI in a Desert Environment Death

**Module 4: Blunt and Sharp Force Trauma**

- Types of blunt force injuries
- Incised vs stab vs chop wounds
- Fracture pattern recognition
- Weapon impact and wound morphology
- Differentiating ante-mortem vs post-mortem injuries
- **Case Study:** Conflicting Injury Pattern in a Brawl-Related Death

**Module 5: Gunshot and Ballistics Analysis**

- Ballistics trajectory and wound interpretation
- Entry vs exit wounds characteristics
- Range of fire estimation
- Gunshot residue and forensic evidence collection
- Ballistic imaging systems
- **Case Study:** Gunshot Death with Multiple Shooters

**Module 6: Asphyxial Death Investigation**

- Pathophysiology of asphyxia
- Hanging, ligature, manual strangulation signs
- Smothering and choking mechanisms
- Drowning diagnostics and diatom testing
- Identifying staged asphyxial deaths
- **Case Study:** Manual Strangulation Misclassified as Hanging

**Module 7: Toxicology and Chemical Deaths**

- Introduction to forensic toxicology
- Collection of toxicological samples
- Interpretation of drug levels and effects
- Metabolite detection and post-mortem redistribution
- Common poisons: alcohol, opioids, heavy metals
- **Case Study:** Poly-drug Overdose in a Teenager

**Module 8: Pediatric and Infanticide Cases**

- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) vs infanticide
- Pediatric injury patterns
- Shaken baby syndrome indicators
- Legal and ethical implications
- Family dynamics and historical context
- **Case Study:** Misinterpreted SIDS in a High-Risk Household

**Module 9: Decomposed and Skeletonized Remains**

- Identification techniques: dental, DNA, and anthropology
- Bone trauma analysis

- Age, sex, and ancestry estimation
- Recovery of remains in clandestine graves
- Environmental effects on decomposition
- **Case Study:** Cold Case Solved Through Skeletal Analysis

**Module 10: Forensic Entomology and Ecology**

- Role of insects in forensic investigation
- Estimating PMI from insect colonization
- Entomological succession patterns
- Species identification and regional variation
- Scene documentation and sample preservation
- **Case Study:** Urban vs Rural Entomological Evidence Comparison

**Module 11: Forensic Radiology and Imaging**

- Post-mortem CT and MRI imaging
- Virtual autopsy (virtopsy)
- Radiological identification of trauma
- Foreign object detection
- Radiographic age and sex estimation
- **Case Study:** Virtopsy in a Mass Casualty Airplane Crash

**Module 12: Mass Disaster and Identification Protocols**

- Managing multiple fatalities
- Victim identification in mass disasters
- DNA and fingerprint recovery
- Interagency coordination
- Psychological impact on investigators
- **Case Study:** Forensic Role in the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster

**Module 13: Forensic Ethics and Legal Testimony**

- Ethical challenges in forensic practice
- Confidentiality and legal obligations
- Preparing for expert witness testimony
- Courtroom demeanor and communication
- Handling conflicting medical opinions
- **Case Study:** Cross-Examination in a High-Profile Homicide Trial

**Module 14: Emerging Technologies in Death Investigation**

- Artificial intelligence in autopsy analysis
- Digital pathology and 3D reconstruction
- Blockchain for chain of custody
- Drones and forensic photography
- Data integration and case management
- **Case Study:** Solving a Cold Case with AI-assisted Diagnostics

**Module 15: Practical Workshop and Simulation**

- Simulated autopsy session
- Interpreting forensic reports
- Scene-to-lab investigation exercises
- Collaborative role-play with legal personnel

- Reflection and review of learnings
- **Case Study:** Complete Case Simulation from Scene to Court

**Training Methodology**

- Expert-led interactive lectures with visual aids
- Real-life case studies and discussion-based learning
- Hands-on lab workshops and simulations
- Peer collaboration and problem-solving exercises
- Continuous assessment through quizzes and practicals
- Final capstone project involving a complete death investigation

**Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount**

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***Certification***

*Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.*

***Tailor-Made Course***

*We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.*

**Key Notes**

**a.** The participant must be conversant with English.

**b.** Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

**c.** Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

**d.** The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

**e.** One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

**f.** Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

## Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

| Start Date | End Date | Location | Price |
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| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Online | $2,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $3,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $6,000 |
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| Start Date | End Date | Location | Price |
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| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $12,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $9,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $12,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $12,000 |

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