Forensic Psychology in Criminal Cases Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the foundations of forensic psychology in criminal justice systems.
2. Explore the psychology of criminal behavior and profiling techniques.
3. Assess mental competency and insanity defenses in court.
4. Analyze offender behavior using psychological risk assessment tools.
5. Examine the role of forensic psychologists in courtroom testimony.
6. Identify methods for assessing false confessions and eyewitness credibility.
7. Understand juvenile delinquency and its forensic implications.
8. Apply psychological principles in interrogation strategies.
9. Explore victimology and trauma assessment in forensic contexts.
10. Review ethical standards and professional conduct in forensic settings.
11. Integrate neuropsychological assessment in criminal evaluations.
12. Evaluate recidivism and develop risk mitigation strategies.
13. Utilize forensic psychology in correctional rehabilitation programs.

Target Audiences:

1. Criminal Justice Professionals
2. Psychologists and Mental Health Practitioners
3. Law Enforcement Officers
4. Legal Experts and Attorneys
5. Correctional Facility Staff
6. Social Workers in Legal Systems
7. Graduate Students in Psychology or Criminology
8. Investigative Journalists

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Forensic Psychology

- Definition and scope of forensic psychology
- Historical development and global practices
- Key differences from clinical psychology
- Major roles in the criminal justice system

- Overview of forensic psychological tools
- **Case Study: Andrea Yates - Insanity Defense**

Module 2: Psychological Assessment in Criminal Cases

- Competency to stand trial evaluations
- Mental state at the time of offense (MSO)
- Structured clinical interviews
- Use of MMPI, PCL-R, and other tools
- Report writing and documentation standards
- **Case Study: John Hinckley Jr. - Mental Illness and Trial**

Module 3: Criminal Profiling and Behavioral Analysis

- Fundamentals of criminal profiling
- Organized vs. disorganized offenders
- Signature vs. modus operandi
- Behavioral analysis unit (BAU) techniques
- Geographical profiling in investigations
- **Case Study: The Unabomber – Ted Kaczynski**

Module 4: Expert Witness and Courtroom Psychology

- Role of forensic psychologist as expert witness
- Preparing for cross-examination
- Presenting psychological findings in court
- Handling bias and credibility challenges
- Legal standards for admissibility (Daubert/Frye)
- **Case Study: The Trial of Jeffrey Dahmer**

Module 5: Juvenile Forensic Psychology

- Psychological development in adolescents
- Assessment of juvenile delinquency
- Competency evaluations for minors
- Intervention and treatment strategies
- Transfer to adult court: ethical concerns
- **Case Study: Lionel Tate – Juvenile Sentencing**

Module 6: Eyewitness Testimony and False Confessions

- Memory reliability and suggestibility
- Factors affecting eyewitness accuracy
- Psychological coercion in interrogations
- The Reid technique vs. PEACE model
- Psychological indicators of false confessions
- **Case Study: Central Park Five**

Module 7: Victimology and Psychological Trauma

- Role of forensic psychologists in victim assessment
- PTSD and trauma-focused interventions
- Working with survivors of abuse and violence
- Secondary victimization by the legal system
- Victim impact statements in court
- **Case Study: Nassar Case – Institutional Abuse**

Module 8: Risk Assessment and Rehabilitation

- Static and dynamic risk factors
- Structured professional judgment tools (HCR-20, SAVRY)
- Predicting violence and recidivism
- Treatment and rehabilitation planning
- Challenges in correctional settings
- **Case Study: Evaluation of Sex Offenders Post-Release**

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with multimedia presentations
- Real-life case analysis and role-playing
- Simulated courtroom testimony exercises
- Self-assessment quizzes and evaluations
- Group discussions and peer reviews
- Downloadable resources and follow-up webinars

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
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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