### Blended Learning

**Abstract**

From a training standpoint, the U.S. focus on preventing terrorist incidents and other violent crimes necessitates better training techniques that will better prepare personnel for the types of threats they will encounter. This is especially true in the case of latent print examiners, who are responsible for identifying the perpetrator of a crime. A blend of online and classroom training is needed in order to best prepare trainees for their jobs.

**Teprint Curriculum**

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