Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Program

Forensic Sciences: An Overview for Medicolegal Death Investigators

Medicolegal Death Investigation Training – Online Course Reopened

NEW APPLICATIONS accepted beginning January 28, 2013

The National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC) is accepting applications for the online training entitled Forensic Sciences: An Overview for Medicolegal Death Investigators.

Please note that this online course was originally offered and delivered from September 2010 through May 2011 and again from April through September 2012.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and NFSTC are pleased to offer the course for a limited time based on seat availability. Trainees are expected to complete the course within sixty (60) days of enrollment. All coursework will end on or before September 30, 2013. If you were approved to take the training but did not complete the course, you may reapply.

The American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) continuing education credits are approved for qualified 2013 participants.

To apply, go to www.nfstc.org/meetings, register and complete the online application. Qualified applicants will be notified of acceptance status within five (5) business days of completed application submittal. Application details are explained in the Application Process section below.

Training Overview

In partnership with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the National Forensic Science Technology Center (NFSTC) developed the Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Program, which is provided online at no-cost to eligible forensic and criminal justice practitioners actively involved in medicolegal death investigation, including medical examiners and coroners.

The purpose of this program is to provide medicolegal death investigators with general knowledge of the scope and application of the forensic sciences within the criminal justice system, including crime scene processing and photography, latent fingerprint processing, controlled substances analysis, toxicology, forensic anthropology, forensic entomology, forensic odontology, firearm and tool mark collection and preservation, trace evidence analysis, fire debris analysis, explosives and explosive device identification, and forensic biology (serology/DNA).

American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI)

Continuing Education Credit Hours

ABMDI continues to offer Continuing Education credits for the NIJ/NFSTC Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Program. Trainees successfully completing the online coursework (80% or higher on final assessment) are eligible to apply for up to 16 credit hours from ABMDI.
Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for participation in this training program, applicants must:

- Work for a U.S. publicly funded state, local or tribal agency as a medicolegal death investigator, including medical examiners and coroners
  *(Note: Federal employees and contractors are not eligible to receive training under this grant)*
- Be actively involved in medicolegal death investigation
- Possess a reasonable level of skill in English, arithmetic, and computer keyboarding
- Have access to the following resources at home or agency for the duration of the online coursework for *Forensic Sciences: An Overview for Medicolegal Death Investigators*
  - Computer with Internet access and Flash player (Version 9.0 or higher) and Acrobat Reader
  - Printer (optional)

Online Coursework

*Forensic Sciences: An Overview for Medicolegal Death Investigators* will be delivered via the NFSTC Online Learning System (NOLS)*

The self-paced online curriculum, consisting of modular theoretical content and video presentations, is designed to ensure baseline knowledge of forensic science terms, methodologies and concepts. Online coursework includes a pre-test, theoretical instruction, required reading, discussion board activities and a post-test (minimum score required 80%). Trainees should be prepared to dedicate a minimum of 16 - 20 hours to complete online coursework activities and are expected to complete the course within sixty (60) days of enrollment.

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* The Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Program online coursework will be available to the trainee via the web-based NFSTC Online Learning System (NOLS). The trainee agrees to review course details, adhere to all specified course policies and complete all required online course work.

Selection Criteria
Applicant selection for the online coursework will be based upon meeting eligibility requirements, online seat availability, geographic diversity and agency type and size.

Application Process

*Online session applicants will be notified of acceptance status within five (5) business days of completed application submittal.* Access to NOLS requires a User Name and Password, which will be issued by the NFSTC via email. Coursework can begin as soon as the trainee is able to access the coursework on NOLS.

Complete and submit application online by following the steps listed below:

1. Navigate to the NFSTC Event Portal (http://www.nfstc.org/meetings)

2. If this is the first time using the NFSTC Event Portal, click on the Create New Account link and complete requested information to establish a user account.
   - Existing users login to the NFSTC Event Portal using assigned Username and Password

3. Locate the Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Application event listed under Event Name and click on the Register button.

4. Enter MDI 2012-2013 (case sensitive) in the Enter Your Invitation Code field.

5. Complete the Application for Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Program in its entirety.
   - Only fully completed applications will be eligible for selection consideration

6. Click on the Submit button to complete the application process.
Online applications can be edited by logging into the NFSTC Event Portal and clicking on the **Edit My Details** link displayed next to the Medicolegal Death Investigation Training Application event.

**NOTE:** *When all remaining online course ‘seats’ are filled, the online application will be removed; at that point, applicants will be unable to edit existing applications.*

Questions related to the application process should be directed to:

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