

Registration for the Forensic Pieces of Basic to Intermediate Fingerprint Comparison

COURSE DATES

June 28th – July 2nd, 2027 | Monday to Friday

Time: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm*

**These 40-hours have been approved
for IAI Certification & Re-Certification*

COURSE LOCATION

TBD

Contact Forensic Pieces
directly for further details

COURSE HOST

Forensic Pieces, Inc.

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COST: \$705

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FORENSIC PIECES, INC.

TIN# 900496490. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED.

PLEASE NOTE: A 3.5% NONREFUNDABLE CARD PROCESSING FEE IS
ADDED TO THE COURSE TOTAL IF A CREDIT CARD IS USED. PLEASE
MAIL CHECKS TO FORENSIC PIECES (CONTACT INFO BELOW).



REGISTER TODAY!!

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**Check out the second page of this
brochure for Instructor Bio, Course
Description and Topics, What to Bring, &
Recommended Lodging.**

In Honor of Our Beloved Founder of Forensic Pieces Inc., Jan Johnson, CSCSA

We commit to you the same techniques, structure, and integrity that our fearless leader Jan Johnson carried with her to every scene, every training, every conference, every time.

It will be our constant goal to strive, meet, and exceed the extremely high standards set by the one who led thousands all over the world to success in the areas of Crime Scene Investigation, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Shooting Reconstruction, Crime Scene Reconstruction, and so much more.

Each instructor and training will reflect the legacy Jan wanted for her company and the forensic community. We appreciate all the continued support as we forge our new path forward. As Jan Johnson would always say:

Full Speed Ahead!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This is a beginner to intermediate level course, suitable for individuals that are starting out in the field doing either tenprint or latent print comparisons. It is also suitable for individuals who would like to refresher on the history, basic latent print comparison techniques and orientation clues, overview of various topics including court testimony, palm and footprints, and historic court cases involving latent prints.

WHAT TO BRING?

Each student must bring latent print comparison magnifier(s) and ridge counters suitable for doing latent print comparisons. Needle-sharp ridge counters are strongly discouraged. Students should bring a pair of ridge counters that will not penetrate skin, damage latent and/or inked prints. Students are also encouraged to bring a flashlight or other small light source to aid in identifying latent prints.

RECOMMENDED LODGING

Tru by Hilton
7100 N Davis Highway
Pensacola, FL 32504
(850) 208-0100 | [Reserve](#)

Hampton Inn & Suites
7050 Plantation Road
Pensacola, FL 32504
(850) 505-7500 | [Reserve](#)

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Michele Smith, CSCSA

Michele Smith is a forensic scientist at the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory, with a Bachelor's in Biological Sciences and a minor in Anthropology from LSU. She is a Certified Senior Crime Scene Investigator and Latent Print Examiner. Michele serves as Vice President of the Louisiana Archaeological Society and conducts forensic training seminars. She has testified as an expert in print processing and participates in archaeological excavations of prehistoric sites in Louisiana.

For her full professional background visit our Instructors Page at www.forensicpieces.com.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 5-day, 40-hour course provides in-depth information on what friction ridge skin is, the history of discoveries made in the comparison of friction ridge skin, comparison methodologies, beginner and intermediate comparison concepts, and important terminology used in the ridgeology science. This course also discusses court testimony on latent print comparisons, early and famous court cases involving latent print examinations, along with practical exercises designed to reinforce the material and techniques presented. The exercises build the beginner examiner's skills and reinforce the intermediate examiner's skills through the course from looking for differences and tenprint comparisons to basic comparison techniques for latent finger and palm prints as well as orientation of friction ridge detail and enhancing difficult prints. This class is ideal for beginner tenprint and latent print examiners who are just starting out in the field or those examiners who want a refresher on the basics and some intermediate level comparisons. This course will provide the student with knowledge of the history behind the ridgeology science and a good introduction to comparing friction ridge skin. Lectures combined with a wide range of practical exercises designed to provide knowledge of the fundamentals supporting ridgeology science, basic to intermediate comparison techniques, and court testimony will be presented throughout this course.

These course hours have been approved by the International Association of Identification (IAI) to be applied to credit hours used to acquire IAI Crime Scene Certification as well as re-certification.

COURSE TOPICS

Biology and History of Friction Ridge Skin, Early Court Cases Involving Fingerprints, Fundamental Principles of Persistence and Uniqueness, Overview of Tenprint/Henry Classification of Fingerprints, Overview of Reagents, Print Processing Techniques, and Capturing Latent and Patent Prints, Overview of Enhancements done to Captured Prints for Comparison, Philosophy and "ACE-V" Methodology of Comparing and Identifying Latent Prints, Overview of Simultaneous Impressions and Comparisons, Palm Print and Foot print Clues and Orientation Techniques, Overview of Court Testimony Regarding Fingerprints, Famous Court Cases Involving Fingerprints