

Arkansas Medicolegal Death Investigation

40 hour course

Course Description

Arkansas Medicolegal Death Investigation is a series of courses designed to give a “new” Coroner or Deputy Coroner the basic knowledge needed to professionally complete a Death Investigation. The course emphasizes the basics concerning Coroner duties, responsibilities, and procedures focusing on reducing the unknown or undetermined deaths reported in the State of Arkansas.

The following subject matter will be covered over the 40 hour week:

Hour(s)	Course	Lesson Purpose / Objective
	Orientation	
12	Arkansas Coroner’s Association	The purpose of the lesson is to provide basic knowledge and information concerning common topics to include: Recovery, transport, necessary equipment, Custody of the Body, Reporting and Forms, SUIDI, Notification of next of Kin, and other.
1	Prosecutor	The purpose of the lesson is to review with the Student the statutory and jurisdictional issues that concern Coroner actions.
3	Arkansas Health Department	The purpose of the lesson is to provide basic knowledge and information concerning common topics to include: Arkansas Mass fatality Management Plan, Coroner’s Mutual Aid, Death Certificate Forms, ERAVE, Disaster Asset Inventory and more.
16	Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy	The purpose of the lesson is to provide basic knowledge and information concerning common topics to include: death investigation, recovery of evidence and personal effects, scene considerations, interviewing and interrogation, court room testimony, photography, and more.
8	Arkansas State Crime Laboratory	The purpose of the lesson is to provide basic knowledge and information concerning common topics to include: examination of the body, estimation of time of death, algor/livor/rigor mortis, autopsy, crime lab capabilities, ARORA, and more.
	Exam	During this period the student will be administered a written exam. <u>The Exam will be for State Certification and is not considered part of the 40 Hour Course</u>