Georgia Forensic Academy

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Latent Print Examiner

Disclaimer: *Due to the substantial academic rigor of the Latent Print Examiner courses being offered by the Georgia Forensic Academy, some texts or lessons may contain challenging or controversial topics. The information and educational material contained herein are meant to promote generally accepted practices, understanding, and dialog of topics by forensic science professionals and related parties in latent print and impression evidence fields. Such information is not meant or intended to substitute for any individual's experience or judgment. Attendance of these courses is strictly voluntary and should be undertaken only by individuals employed by a recognized law enforcement agency and currently assigned the complex tasks of Latent Print Examiner duties. Courses taught by the Georgia Forensic Academy are intended to be practical in impact and prepare students to be successful in the field of forensic sciences and, therefore, contain rigorous practical exercises and examinations that meet everyday challenges experienced by forensic professionals.*

This document is not intended to substitute the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council's requirements for Latent Print Examiner Certification requirements but instead provide a basic guide for individuals utilizing the Georgia Forensic Academy's services in obtaining the certification through P.O.S.T. All Qualifications and requirements listed below have been obtained through P.O.S.T.'s website at https://gapost.org/certification-requirements/advanced-specialized-certifications/.

Qualification Requirements:

To qualify for a Latent Print Examiner Certification, one must:

- o Be employed by a recognized law enforcement agency.
- o Be currently assigned to Latent Print Examiner duties.
- o Complete all required courses (as required by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council).
- o Complete and pass a third-party latent print proficiency exam from an ISO/IEC 17043 accredited provider.
- o Recertify every two years by completing and passing the third-party latent print proficiency exam.

Courses taught by GFA:

History, Biology, and Ridgeology Concepts   Completed: _____

Friction Ridge Analysis   Completed: _____

Friction Ridge Comparisons   Completed: _____

Palm Print Comparisons   Completed: _____

Distortion Issues and Complex Analysis (Optional)   Completed: _____

Courtroom Demeanor and Latent Print Expert Testimony   Completed: _____

Completed third-party latent proficiency exam: Completed: _____

To submit a request for your Latent Print Examiner Certification, contact your division's training supervisor or visit https://gapost.org/certification-requirements/advanced-specialized-certifications/ for instructions on how to apply.