

**RON SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.****IAI LATENT PRINT CERTIFICATION TEST PREPARATION TRAINING****Seattle, WA | February 24-28, 2020**

**Class Instructor:**  
**Debbie Benningfield,**  
**CLPE**

**5 Day Course**

**40 Training Hours**

**\$600.00 Tuition**

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**CLASS LOCATION**

**Seattle Police Department - Latent Print Unit**  
 2203 Airport Way South  
 Park 90/5  
 Seattle, WA 98134  
 Class Times: 08:00 am to 05:00 pm

- This is a secure building, please call the latent print mainline at 206-684-5510 to be let in.
- There is limited, free on site parking in the gravel lot to the northeast of the building.
- Attendees should refrain from parking inside the fenced lot or in marked, reserved spaces.

**LODGING INFORMATION**

Although we cannot endorse any particular hotel property, we have confirmed that the following lodging is within a reasonable commuting distance to the training site.

**Silver Cloud Hotel Seattle - Stadium**  
 1046 1st Avenue South  
 Seattle, WA 98134  
 206-204-9800

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**TARGET AUDIENCE**

This course is specifically designed for experienced examiners who want to evaluate their ability to succeed on the International Association for Identification (IAI) Latent Print Certification test. Only examiners who are eligible, or who will be eligible to apply for IAI Latent Print Certification in the near future should consider participating in this course. SEE [www.theiai.org](http://www.theiai.org) for more information on certification.

It is important to understand that this course is not designed to teach how to conduct latent print comparisons or how to apply ACE-V methodology to the process, rather the testing of the students ability to compare, identify or eliminate latent prints to known exemplars and then evaluating their likelihood for success in a testing environment is the focus of this training. A thorough review of all 3 components of the test, combined with a series of skill building exercises to prepare for the practice test on Thursday are all designed to allow each student to measure their own strengths and weaknesses with the help of two experienced and knowledgeable instructors as you prepare for the actual certification test.

**SPECIAL NOTES FOR STUDENTS**

Students should bring all of the equipment that they plan to use during the actual certification test, i.e. fingerprint magnifiers, ridge counters, etc. These items will not be provided by the instructors so it is necessary for each student to bring their own equipment with them to class. Students have the option to bring a small desk lamp and extension cord with them for added light.

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Dress is business casual as the course will be conducted in a professional environment and facility.

**This course is approved  
 for IAI certification and  
 recertification purposes**



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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is the **ONLY** seminar which has been fully reviewed and approved by the IAI Latent Print Certification Board and will serve as a measure of your readiness to take the actual test.

Have you been thinking about taking the International Association for Identification (IAI) Latent Print Certification Examination but are not sure if you are ready? Does your agency require you to be certified within a certain timeframe and that time is approaching? Or, do you wish to achieve the high personal goal of attaining official recognition by the world's largest and oldest forensic organization as a Certified Latent Print Examiner? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this is the course for you. After numerous requests and years of planning, this course has been developed and is now offered to you.

This class will consist of "timed drills" so that the student can learn how to work in a "timed" environment and to assist them in evaluating their strengths and weaknesses in the various areas of the friction ridge science which will be represented on the actual test. Near the end of the week the student will take an 8 hour practice examination representative of the actual IAI certification test, including written questions, pattern interpretations and latent print comparisons.

After the practice examination has been scored and reviewed by the instructors, a general critique of the class results will be conducted and a personal evaluation of the student's strengths and weaknesses will be provided in preparation for the actual test.

Students will receive instructions on:

- \* Review of "Searching Smart" skills
- \* Review of "Palm Print Orientation/Location"
- \* Drills for speed
- \* Overview of IAI Latent Print Certification Program
- \* Review of historical data as it relates to fingerprints
- \* Mock IAI Certification Exam

### TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is designed for those experienced examiners who are eligible, or who will be eligible in the near future to take the IAI Latent Print Certification Test and want to identify their readiness for the examination.

It is important to understand that this course is not designed to teach the students how to apply ACE-V methodology, nor how to conduct latent print comparisons, but rather to evaluate these skills and abilities in a testing environment.

### DAILY SCHEDULE

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Hour 1	Intro of Instructors, Students and Course Objectives	Timed Drill 1	Timed Drill 4	IAI MOCK CERTIFICATION TEST	Review of Test
Hour 2	Drill A	Drill 1 Review			
Hour 3	Review of Searching Smart	Timed Drill 2			
Hour 4	Review of Palm Print Orient/Location	Drill 2 Review			Overview of IAI LP Certification Program
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Hour 5	Orient/Location Exercise	Timed Drill 3	Drill 4 Review	TEST CONTINUED (Class may be up to 10 hours. Students are free to leave class when they completed the exam)	Presentation of Certificates
Hour 6	Feature Drill		Pattern Recognition Review		
Hour 7	History Review Presentation		Test Taking Strategies		
Hour 8	Review of Drills		Drill 3 Review		

NOTE: On the day of the exam, students will be given a full 8 hours to complete the exam. Lunch and breaks will not be counted against the 8 hours. Due to the potentially extended day on Thursday, the day of the exam, this class will end no later than 1pm on Friday.

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Upon completion of this course, students will know their strengths and weaknesses in the science of fingerprint examination as it relates to the certification requirements and their readiness to pursue IAI Latent Print Examiner certification.

**MUST BRING TO CLASS**

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**PRE-REQUISITES**

It is recommended that the student review the current requirements for certification and that they review the recommended written materials before attending this course. Each student will be tested on their knowledge of this material throughout the course and as part of the 8 hour practice examination.

Information concerning the IAI Latent Print Examiner Certification can be found on their website at:  
[http://www.theiai.org/certifications/latent\\_print/index.php](http://www.theiai.org/certifications/latent_print/index.php)

**RECOMMENDED READING**

Information on the recommended reading for the IAI Latent Print Examiner Certification can be found on the IAI website at:  
[http://www.theiai.org/certifications/latent\\_print/reading.php](http://www.theiai.org/certifications/latent_print/reading.php)

**HOST A CLASS**

If you would like to host this class the a classroom/training space with tables and chairs for up to 40 attendees, a table and chairs for the instructors, a PowerPoint projector, screen and audio connection for a laptop are required.

Lighting is critical for this class. The classroom should have plenty of overhead and/or natural lighting to cover all areas of the room. It should also have electrical outlets for students who bring their own desk lamp. Students will be responsible for bringing their own desk lamp and extension cords, however there should be ample electrical outlets around the classroom.

On Thursday, the day of the Mock Exam, the classroom should be set up to allow one student per desk. If this is not possible, then the desk should be large enough to allow ample room for students to spread out their comparisons and not be disturbed by other students. Also, class will run long on Thursday so the training space must be available for an extra two hours.

**I.A.I. APPROVED TRAINING HOURS**

This course provides 40 training hours and is approved for IAI Certification and re-certification.

