

Colorado Technical University Opens High-Tech Crime Scene Investigation Lab

Successful Completion of CTU's New Program Provides CSI-Inspired Students and Law Enforcement Professionals With Eligibility to Take the International Association for Identification (IAI) Certified Crime Scene Investigator Exam

Sioux Falls, SD – September 22, 2008 – Colorado Technical University announces a new crime lab facility at its Sioux Falls campus. The facility boasts a modern teaching laboratory designed and equipped around CTU's forensic investigation curriculum. The program and the new lab will help prepare students for tomorrow's jobs in forensic investigation by training them in an environment that closely replicates what is typically found in current law enforcement organizations.

Within its lab, CTU's forensic investigation curriculum will provide training in key areas such as medico-legal death investigations, dactylography (the science of fingerprint analysis), interview and interrogation methodology, recovery of human remains, and the forensic investigation of dynamic events. The new crime lab will utilize current technologies that one would expect to find in actual practice:

- TracER laser, a green laser designed for trace evidence detection, and the only such device in the region
- Leica comparison microscope for trace evidence examination
- Current ALS systems for crime scene searches and lab examination of potential evidence
- ADAMS (Authenticated Digital Asset Management System) which is utilized by agencies to manage digital evidence while maintaining the chain-of-custody for court purposes
- AFIX system that is utilized in fingerprint databases and latent print searches

Additionally, Colorado Technical University has entered into a partnership with the International Association for Identification (IAI), the world's oldest and largest forensic organization. CTU was the first university recognized by the IAI as a partner in providing training that qualifies students to sit for the knowledge portion of the Certified Crime Scene Investigator (CSSI) exam. Prior to January 2008 this benefit was offered only to individuals who were already active in the field.

According to Dr. David Heflin, president of CTU Sioux Falls, "Having the IAI's CSSI certification in-hand prior to searching for a position should make CTU's graduates very attractive to potential

employers in Criminal Justice. Our grads should be able to perform their job responsibilities from day one which, in turn, should reduce training costs and down-time for employers.”

David W. Schrank, Chair of the Department, added, “Should they choose to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice, students certified through the South Dakota Basic Law Enforcement Training Standards and Certification Academy may qualify for up to 16 quarter hours of credit contingent upon the degree being pursued and previous course work successfully completed.”

About Colorado Technical University

Since 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU), an institution of higher learning that provides career-oriented education by teaching applied industry programs, has provided students with a pathway towards personal, academic, and professional advancement. CTU offers degree-track programs at the Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral levels in a variety of disciplines. For more information about Colorado Technical University, please visit www.coloradotech.edu. Through its internet-based channel, CTU Online, the university offers degree programs that are delivered 100% online. For more information about the online campus, visit www.ctuonline.edu.

Colorado Technical University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The University is also a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of colleges, universities and schools.

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