

Anti-Fraud and Forensic Interview Specialist Professional Certificate



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AFFI Certificate Program Design

- AFFI certificate program is designed to study:
 - A. Economic crime Investigations (**how to training program**)
 - B. Psychology of fraud offenders, corruption and ethics
 - C. Fraud Investigative and forensic interviewing techniques
- Program offers a business and government perspective focusing upon white collar crime and the economic threat of organized crime related fraud.
- Program combines the worlds of criminal justice, psychology, and business all into one - and also affords student **3 professional certifications in one program.**



Why Psychology and why Criminal Justice?



Why Psychology and Criminal Justice?



- Accounting ledgers and computers do not commit fraud. **People do.** As such, understanding...

1. The criminology and psychology of fraud offenders...

2. As well as - psychology and tactics behind forensic interviewing and interrogation of fraud offenders - paramount towards education & training of current and future industry professionals across various spectrums...

- ...and from different backgrounds, **to include accounting/Audit.**



- We focus upon - **“real world” practical industry issues** that **very few colleges do.**

- Difference between this program and other certificates - we teach the nuts and bolts of investigations - **immersive hands on environment**, where **you learn BY DOING IT!**

- Research shows **from a career standpoint, jobs in fraud examination and investigation are growing through 2028.**



Basic Program Objectives

- **Practitioner's program** - clinical in approach and design. Casts a wider net of students in area of financial crimes investigations unlike one specialized degree (i.e., forensic accounting).
- **Cost Effectiveness + Time Efficient + Convenient** – versus a 4 year degree
- **State Sponsored** - educational partnership between KSU & *Georgia Office of Inspector General (GAOIG)*. GAOIG staff serve as guest lecturers. Upon completion of program, students receive a state certificate in anti-corruption investigations. **We are also Ga. P.O.S.T. Certified**
- **Industry Sponsored** - educational partnership program between KSU and *International Association of Interviewers* in offering their educational material towards certification as an Associate Certified Forensic Interviewer or prep to become a Certified Forensic Interviewer.



AFFI Program Classes

1. Introduction to Fraud Examination and Investigation
2. Criminal Procedure and the legal justice system in fraud examination
3. Non Traditional Organized Crime Threats in Economic Crime and Following the Money Laundering Trail
4. Ethics, Corruption, & Economic Crime Psychology
5. Forensic Interviewing and Interrogation
** ACFI Certification Class - This is a 10 week course*

Four courses that
are 8 weeks in
length
Final ACFI
certification course
lasts 10 weeks

ACFI / CFI Certification Prep for Students

- **ACFI / CFI** : professional industry certifications created by International Association of Interviewers (IAI).- applicable in careers such as:
 - Corporate Security, Loss Prevention, Audit, Forensic Accounting
 - Law enforcement (investigations)
 - Any area of investigations and or fraud examination (private or government) involving the conducting of suspect interviews, victims, and witnesses.
- **Students receive** in person and on-line lecture material, videos, and module practice quizzes in preparation for exam certification.
- **Students also engage in** role playing and mock interview and interrogations
- **Class focuses upon** interpretation of human behavior, detecting deception, conducting behavioral interviews and interrogations, legal aspects of interview and interrogation, etc.

ACFI / CFI – What is the Difference



ACFI STUDENT CERTIFICATION

- Students with no practical industry experience - focus upon **ACFI** certification, which they will be awarded upon passing final cumulative exam.
- **ACFI** certifications - valid for 5 years. In such time, students must gain two years of industry experience which makes them eligible to take CFI exam and become **CFI** certified.



CFI CERTIFICATION

- Students with two or more years of industry experience will take prep course to prepare ultimately for CFI certification. Upon completion of final exam, students will still receive ACFI certification and can opt to take **CFI** exam within 5 year time frame (separate from KSU).

ACFI / CFI – Eligibility Requirements



ACFI STUDENT CERTIFICATION

- HS grads who plan to pursue and study forensic interviewing and interrogation techniques leading to possible careers such as: loss prevention, fraud examination, forensic accounting, law enforcement, auditing, regulatory compliance, corporate security.



CFI Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must have 2-4 years experience in a public or private position responsible for investigation, interviewing and interrogation. In addition, one of the following several criteria:
 - **Bachelor's degree or higher plus** two years of experience as stated above
 - **Associates degree plus** three years of experience as stated above
 - **HS diploma or GED** plus four years of experience as stated above
- **Minimum 2 years experience as a full time instructor** at an accredited educational institution, teaching interview and interrogation techniques – experienced full time faculty members shall meet one of the three previous education/experience requirements listed.

Education

Career Paths Stemming from This Program

- Some examples of career positions in this field are:
 - A. Law enforcement (local, state, federal)
 - B. Corp. Security, Loss Prevention, Risk Mgt.
 - C. Intelligence Field
 - D. Auditing
 - E. Forensic Accounting
 - F. Cyber Security & Forensics
 - G. Compliance
- See next slide for further details



Search Parameters for Georgia Jobs

1. Investigations Manager
2. Loss Prevention
3. Fraud investigator
4. Corporate Security investigator
5. Fraud
6. Compliance
7. AMI (anti money laundering)
8. Forensic Accountant
9. SIU (Special Investigations Unit)
10. Certified Fraud Examiner
11. Anti-Corruption
12. Compliance Officer
13. Ethics and compliance officer
14. SARS Investigation Specialist
15. Internal Auditor
14. Fraud Operations
15. Senior Investigator
16. Anti Money Laundering Specialist
17. Surveillance investigator
18. Fraud Analyst
19. Legal specialist
20. Paralegal
21. Forensic Investigator
22. Cyber Security Analyst
23. Cyber Security Investigator
24. Cyber Security Manager
25. Cyber Investigations
26. Police Detective
27. Private Investigator
28. Federal Agent
29. Special Agent
30. Financial Investigator
31. Fraud Examiner

Utilize these parameters for job search engines and or key words

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