

**Points of Interest and Clarification: Administration of Justice**

**What are the degree and certificate options offered by your department?**

- Crime Scene Investigation Skills Certificate
- Law Enforcement Skills Development Skills Certificate
- AJ Associate in Science
- AJ Associate in Science-Transfer

For more information:

- FC Catalog: <https://www.fullcoll.edu/schedule/>
- FC CTE website:

**Best class to take to explore the major:**

CSI Investigation Skills Cert: AJ 092\_F and/or AJ 093\_F

Law Enforcement Skills Development:

AJ AS & AJ AS-T: AJ 100\_F

**What job/career opportunities do your degrees and certificates prepare students for? (Stories of student successes and struggles are always helpful)**

The AJ program is vast and reaches several career pathways and includes: law enforcement, Dispatcher/911 Operators; CSI; Attorney/Law; Private Investigator; FBI; CIA; DEA; Postal Inspector; Dept. of Consumer Affairs; etc.

○ Crime Scene Investigation Skills Certificate	The CSI Certificate prepares the student for possible paid and unpaid internship, which lead to possible full-time positions with independent labs, PD's, County Careers, etc.
○ Law Enforcement Skills Development Certificate	
○ AJ AS	

○ AJ AS-T	

**What are the occupational outlooks for these job/career opportunities in Orange County?**

Recommended websites to review the job opportunities, salaries, and qualifications:

- Website for Calif. Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST): <https://post.ca.gov/Law-Enforcement-Jobs>
- Bureau of Labor and Statistics: <https://www.bls.gov/>

Recommended for CSI Certificate:

- <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes333021.htm>
- The Crime Scene Network website has tons of job listings that all fall under our CSI Certificate: <https://www.crime-scene-investigator.net/employment.html>

The AJ program receives requests from out of state recruiters as well as the private industry.

The private industry may be a great option for students who have a criminal background.

**How do you explain the benefits of a certificate or associates degree when the student is also planning to earn a Bachelor’s degree?**

You don’t need a bachelors degree to work as a PD or CSI detective. Certificates and degrees provide extra training and hands on knowledge.

Forensic workers have diverse training, so their specializations and educational background vary. Job tasks depend on the area of expertise. Below are some examples (bls.gov):

- Computer forensic investigators
- Crime scene photographers
- Firearm and toolmark examiners
- Forensic accountants
- Forensic anthropologists
- Forensic artists
- Forensic biologists
- Forensic chemists
- Forensic document examiners
- Forensic economists
- Forensic engineers
- Forensic nurses
- Forensic pathologists
- Forensic psychologists
- Forensic social workers
- Forensic toxicologists
- Latent print examiners

CSULA offers a Masters in Criminalistics with a Forensic Science Minor

**NOTE:** Forensic Science minor students must have a major in biology, chemistry, biochemistry, or physics (or related disciplines).

If a student is interested in CSI, they can earn the AJ AS or AS-T and transfer in Science.

**What permits or certifications are available to your students and what help do they provide?**

**What student populations are your degrees and certificates most appropriate for? For example, are certain certificates more suitable for students who already have a degree?**

**What partnerships do you have with the community and how can those partnerships assist students with networking and career placement?**

**CSI Skills Certificate/ Internships:** Letty Ramirez from Fullerton PD was hired to teach the Crime Scene Techniques course. She is a Forensic Supervisor and has years of experience. Letty is also an FC graduate. Letty and Kelly Robertson, program coordinator, are developing an internship with her department. This internship program will provide AJ students with practical experience in the field.

The Internship class will allow AJ students and other Tech Engineering students to receive college credit for internships. The class is slated for fall 2022.

Fullerton PD has hired several of our AJ students as Police Cadets (paid).

**What websites do you direct students to for employment purposes?**

Help Websites to review qualifications, pay, and openings:

- Indeed: <https://www.indeed.com/q-Forensic-l-Orange-County,-CA-jobs.html>
- General Site: <https://www.crimesceneinvestigatoredu.org/csi-technician/>

**If you were an academic counselor, what additional advice would you provide a student interested in your programs?**

**CSI Skills Certificate:** Kelly Robertson suggests that students interested in CSI obtain their certificate and associates, and then move to their bachelors. Those that are interested in pursuing a career as a Forensic Pathologist will need to complete medical school and several years of post-medical schooling. The OC Coroner's office has 13 Board Certified Forensic Pathologist...the most in the country. The certificate adds to a student's resume and qualifications to get their foot in the door for potential career opportunities.

Remind students that the certificates and degrees provide writing, physical ability, critical thinking skills, etc.

There is job security as well.

**Transfer Considerations:**

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**Best Faculty to Contact:**

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**Suggested Sequence:**

**ProgramMapper Map Changes**

**Name of Program:** Adm. of Justice CSI Certificate (

<b>1st SEMESTER</b>	<b>2nd SEMESTER</b>	<b>3rd SEMESTER</b>
AJ 092F Crime Scene Investigation (1)	AJ 222F Rules of Evidence (3)	
AJ 093F DNA Genetic Fingerprinting (.5)	AJ 223F Criminal Investigation (3)	
AJ 151F Police Report Writing (3)	AJ 230F Crime Scene Techniques (3)	
PHOT 111F Intro. to Photo. from Analog to Digital (3)		
<b>Tota Units: 7.5</b>	<b>Tota Units: 9</b>	<b>Tota Units:</b>