



# DETECTIVE ACADEMY

AT INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

## Criminal Justice Investigator Certificate

The Investigator Certificate is 240-hours of comprehensive study of investigations philosophy and practical application. These specially selected FDLE-approved courses will strengthen current and aspiring detectives' abilities to investigate crimes, close cases, and help successfully prosecute criminal offenders.

To earn the Investigator Certificate, students must complete all of the courses and then apply for graduation.

1. **Introduction to Investigations (formerly Detective Academy)** (40 hours) – This course is designed for new or aspiring detectives to learn basic crime prevention techniques and procedures used criminal investigations and resolution. The class will use real-world video, case studies, role-play, and lecture to prepare students to be effective as a new detective. It will emphasize crimes against people and property, white collar crimes, crimes involving narcotics, and introduce cybercrimes investigative techniques. It will also delve into case management, crime scene investigations, and administrative issues.
2. **Interviews & Interrogations** (40 hours) – This course is designed as an introductory course in interviewing and interrogating techniques for various classes of individuals and suspects as well as related state and federal laws. The course covers techniques of investigative observation and interviewing, case development, and preparation for trial and court testimony.
3. **Case Preparation & Court Presentation** (40 hours) – This course is to train law enforcement or correctional officers in the advanced concepts and practice of case preparation and court presentation.
4. **Injury & Death Investigations** (40 hours) – This course provides the officer and investigator with limited experience in death and related injury investigations, and a general insight into investigative, legal and evidentiary considerations that are essential in this kind of investigation.
5. **Conducting Background Investigations** (40 hours) – This course is designed as an overview of conducting candidate backgrounds for the officer, investigator, or non-sworn personnel with limited experience in this area. Students will gain an understanding of the problematic, legal, investigative, and evidentiary aspects of background investigations.
6. **Domestic Intervention & Investigations** (40 hours) – This course is designed for law enforcement or correctional officers who need to gain a basic understanding of domestic intervention techniques. The course will provide an overview of domestic violence for the officer and investigator with limited experience in this area. The course will provide an understanding of the problematic, legal, investigative, and evidentiary aspects of domestic violence.

Questions or comments regarding this certificate should be addressed to David Lefont at (772) 462-7975.