

RON SMITH & ASSOCIATES, INC.
NATIONAL LATENT PRINT EXAMINER TRAINING ACADEMY
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RS&A has developed an intense/accelerated 20-week training program for latent print examiner trainees which will result in graduates who are competent to perform supervised casework upon return to your agency. Prior to their academy graduation, they will have successfully completed testing regimens which are more difficult than the actual IAI Certified Latent Print Examiner Test. As soon as they have fulfilled the experience requirements, they will be prepared to apply for certification through the International Association for Identification.

To be accepted into the academy, all student applicants will have to meet stringent educational and ethical standards, along with passing a background investigation, and complete a visual acuity examination that is specifically designed to determine if they possess the natural skills to become a latent print examiner. Through our past experiences, we have determined that it really does not matter how hard a person is willing to work at becoming a latent print examiner if they cannot discern what they observe in impression evidence.

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The need for highly trained Latent Print Examiners is at an all-time high. The mass retirement of the "Baby Boomer" examiners has left gaping holes in the staffing of numerous forensic laboratories.

Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. has been the nationally recognized leader in forensic identification training for the last decade and is willing to invest in the implementation of a national latent print examiner training academy for agencies who are in need of fully trained latent print examiners. We have trained literally hundreds upon hundreds of latent print examiners over the years and know how to do so in the most time and cost efficient manner.



In most agencies, it takes eighteen months to two years in order to fully train a new latent print examiner. This is due to the fact that most internal trainers are also your bench analysts and they cannot commit 100% of their time to training. As a result, the length of the training program must be extended and the overall costs are significantly increased. Numerous agencies have advised that this method of training, including the salaries of the student(s) and the trainer(s), can actually cost their agency well over \$100,000.

The academy will be held in Meridian, MS. **Classroom** time will be spent in a new state of the art training facility. This facility offers computer lab classroom space and a breakroom. During **evidence processing classes** students will be in the RS&A headquarters laboratory in Collinville, MS. The RS&A Collinville lab offers students a chance to work in an operating forensic laboratory where they will learn basic and advanced processing techniques and laboratory safety procedures. **Moot court training** will be held in an actual courtroom setting where students gain invaluable courtroom experience.



The housing and meals are all included in the academy tuition. Students will be housed in a new extended stay hotel which provides each student with their own room. Each room offers access to Wi-Fi internet, cable TV, small kitchen, housekeeping services, washer and dryer, outdoor grills, pool facilities, and fitness center. Students will receive a meal allowances that allows them to purchase or prepare three meals a day. We have found that this meal allowance has worked best considering all the different diets and eating habits of academy students. Transportation for each student is **highly** recommended and is the sole responsibility of the student or sponsoring agency.

The per student cost for the National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy, including all instruction, lodging and meals is \$27,500.00. This is far less than what it would cost your agency to complete a training program utilizing your own case working analysts. Not only would their training be completed in a fraction of the time, but they will gain access to a team of instructors who are highly skilled and fully committed to the success of your employee.



Feel free to contact us if you have any specific budget requirements or need a cost breakdown of training tuition, rooms, and/or meals.



If you are interested in either placing an employee in this training academy or hiring one of our individually supported graduates, please contact Jon Byrd, Academy Director, at 1-866-832-6772 or email: jon@ronsmithandassociates.com.

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