Online Professional Certificate in Forensic Psychology

Find Your Niche in the Criminal Justice System with SDSU’s Online Professional Certificate in Forensic Psychology

Ideal for Social Workers, Intelligence Officers, First Responders, Correctional Officers, Attorneys, and Mental Health Clinicians

The field of forensic psychology examines the intersection between human behavior and the law. In partnership with SDSU’s Department of Psychology, and the Homeland Security Graduate Program, SDSU’s College of Extended Studies offers this comprehensive online program specifically designed for professionals at the forefront of dealing with all aspects of criminal behavior. The justice system increasingly relies on professionals skilled in forensic psychology to help solve crimes and prevent future criminal behavior, and this certificate provides students with the knowledge and skills being sought by employers.

Program Highlights
- Fully online
- $699 per course
- Eight-week courses
- Authorized by SDSU’s College of Sciences. Earn 3 Professional Development Units per course.
- Instructors are content specialists with real-world experience
- Complete in as few as eight months or take up to two years

Certificate Requirements
To earn the Professional Certificate in Forensic Psychology, you must successfully complete two (2) core courses and three (3) electives. If your background is unrelated to forensic psychology, we highly recommend you begin with the core courses.

Core Courses*
- Fundamentals of Forensic Psychology | May 6–June 30
  Instructor: Katherine Turner, Ph.D.
- Mental Health and Criminal Justice

Elective Courses (choose three)
- Correctional and Police Psychology | July 8–August 1
  Instructors: Anthony J. Ewing, M.S. and Melissa Kastner-Treisman, Psy.D.
- Cyber Psychology
- Challenges and Psychological Components for Active Shooter Identification
- Forensic Psychological Assessment and Report Writing
- Expert Witness Courtroom and Deposition Testimony

*If you’ve completed relevant coursework and/or have three years of related professional experience, one of the core courses can be waived.

For more information, email forensic.certificate@sdsu.edu or call (619) 594-3946.