

Certificate in Introduction to Forensic Accounting and Fraud



Welcome to

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Earn 9 PD Hours & 2 Ethics Hours

This certificate provides an introduction to the roles and responsibilities of forensic accountants. This program will help you understand the concept of forensic accounting, how it differs from auditing, and how it relates to fraud. This course is available in an on-demand e-learning format with knowledge checks, caselets and other interactive elements for learning to support comprehension and understanding.

Topics Include:

- Introduction to Forensic Accounting
- Conducting Fraud and Forensic Investigations
- Forensic Accounting – Fraud Schemes, Prevention, Detection and Response

Delivery Methods:

On Demand Learning

Key Takeaways

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Introduce the concept of forensic accounting.
- Analyze the psychology of fraud, provide an overview of fraud statistics and emerging fraud trends.
- Explain and discuss the code of ethics for forensic accountants.
- Explain the differences between forensic accounting, auditing, and fraud examination.
- Explain different fraud schemes.

Who Will Benefit

Accounting, finance, and legal professionals who contribute to organizational integrity, financial oversight, and strategic decision-making through analysis, compliance, and advisory roles.

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Certificate Outline

Module 1

Introduction to Forensic Accounting

- Define forensic accounting and how it differs from auditing.
- Explain its value to CPAs and related professionals.
- Summarize fraud statistics and trends.
- Explore fraud psychology and the fraud diamond.
- Outline education, credentials, and career paths.
- Discuss ethical challenges and real-world examples.
- Review the code of ethics.
- Analyze real fraud cases.

Module 2

Conducting Fraud and Forensic Investigations

- Outline the forensic accounting process focused on fraud.
- Distinguish fraud vs. forensic investigations.
- Explain forensic accountants' role in money laundering prevention and detection.
- Identify types of investigations: external and internal.
- Summarize external and internal investigation steps.
- Discuss legal and ethical issues in investigations.
- Explore real-world fraud challenges and strategies.

Module 3

Forensic Accounting – Fraud Schemes, Prevention, Detection and Response

- Identify fraud schemes and red flags.
- Highlight best practices for fraud prevention.
- Discuss whistleblowers' role and notable cases.
- Examine benefits and risks for whistleblowers.
- Review whistleblower protection laws (Canada, US, others).
- Share best practices for fraud detection and response.
- Use real cases to illustrate fraud handling strategies.
- Explore ethical issues in fraud prevention and response.



ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR

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