

### Course Outline

**COURSE:** JLE 114                      **DIVISION:** 50                      **ALSO LISTED AS:**

**TERM EFFECTIVE:** Spring 2021                      **CURRICULUM APPROVAL DATE:** 11/10/2020

**SHORT TITLE:** CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION

**LONG TITLE:** Child Abuse Investigation

<u>Units</u>	<u>Number of Weeks</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Contact Hours/Week</u>	<u>Total Contact Hours</u>
1	18	Lecture:	.5	9
		Lab:	1.78	32.04
		Other:	0	0
		Total:	2.28	41.04
		Total Learning Hrs:	59.04	

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

An intensive study in causes, recognition, identification of abuse, neglect and sexual exploitation of children. Emphasis will be placed on laws, procedure of handling cases, effective interviewing/investigative techniques and action/referral. This is a pass/no pass course. **PREREQUISITE:** Basic Police Academy or equivalent; JLE 100

**PREREQUISITES:**

Completion of JLE 100, as UG, with a grade of P or better.

**COREQUISITES:**

**CREDIT STATUS:** D - Credit - Degree Applicable

**GRADING MODES**

P - Pass/No Pass

**REPEATABILITY:** N - Course may not be repeated

**SCHEDULE TYPES:**

- 02 - Lecture and/or discussion
- 03 - Lecture/Laboratory
- 04 - Laboratory/Studio/Activity

## **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

By the end of this course, a student should:

1. Develop techniques to provide a controlled, comfortable, monitored setting to conduct child interviews.
2. Complete a preliminary investigations on a mock child abuse case and identify and explain clues to abuse including photography, evidence, type of abuse.

## **CONTENT, STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES, OUT-OF-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS**

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- I. COURSE OPENING (1 hour)
  - A. Orientation
    1. Introductions
    2. Course Administrator
    3. Students
  - B. Training Schedule: Review each module
  - C. Expectations
    1. Phones, PDA's, etc.
    2. Punctuality
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  - D. Paperwork
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      - h. Search warrant (see below)
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  - 3. Hospital
  - 4. School (you have right as LEO to interview at school)
  - 5. While in a protective custody facility
  - 6. Law enforcement facility or police vehicle
- F. Proximity
  - 1. Getting on the child's level
  - 2. Sit with child in a chair, on floor, etc.
  - 3. Position self toward the child
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- H. The Interview: Rapport building
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    4. Thinking Error and Theme Building
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    6. Instructional Activity #4: Interview / Interrogation Planning
    7. Rapport Building
    8. Optional Instructional Learning Activity
- XI. INVESTIGATOR WELLNESS (1 hour)
- A. Introduction



1. Instructor Introduction: Experience as it relates to child abuse
2. Review Goals and Objectives
3. ESSB overview
- B. Blood Pressure Unit: Baseline Blood Pressure Measure
  1. Using BP cuffs assist class in getting a baseline measurement
  2. Review blood pressure handout
  3. Discussion/concerns
- C. Child Abuse Images
  1. Assist in processing reactions to the images
  2. Discuss the impact of such images on investigator wellness
- D. Blood Pressure Unit: Follow Up/Second Measurement
  1. Discuss measurements
  2. Discuss how the material/images from abuse cases can lead to stress/vicarious trauma.
- E. Vicarious Trauma Overview
  1. Defined
  2. Symptoms
  3. Changes that may take place in investigators
  4. Compassion fatigue
- F. Strategies for Healthy Coping
- G. Relaxation Exercise (optional)
  1. Discuss options for relaxation

XII. PRETEXT PHONE CALLS (1.5 hours)

- A. Purpose
  1. Elicit confession
  2. Elicit admissions
  3. Locks suspect into a story
- B. Legal authority
  1. PC 632 – Two party state- Private citizens may not be record without knowledge
  2. PC 633 – Peace officers exempt when conducting investigation
  3. PC 633.5 – Other exemptions (i.e. violent felony)
- C. Basic Steps
  1. Determining victim's ability
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    - 6. Instructional Activity #4: Interview / Interrogation Planning
    - 7. Rapport Building
    - 8. Optional Instructional Learning Activity
- XI. INVESTIGATOR WELLNESS (1 hour)
- A. Introduction
    - 1. Instructor Introduction: Experience as it relates to child abuse
    - 2. Review Goals and Objectives
    - 3. ESSB overview
  - B. Blood Pressure Unit: Baseline Blood Pressure Measure
    - 1. Using BP cuffs assist class in getting a baseline measurement
    - 2. Review blood pressure handout



- 3. Discussion/concerns
- C. Child Abuse Images
  - 1. Assist in processing reactions to the images
  - 2. Discuss the impact of such images on investigator wellness
- D. Blood Pressure Unit: Follow Up/Second Measurement
  - 1. Discuss measurements
  - 2. Discuss how the material/images from abuse cases can lead to stress/vicarious trauma.
- E. Vicarious Trauma Overview
  - 1. Defined
  - 2. Symptoms
  - 3. Changes that may take place in investigators
  - 4. Compassion fatigue
- F. Strategies for Healthy Coping
- G. Relaxation Exercise (optional)
  - 1. Discuss options for relaxation

XII. PRETEXT PHONE CALLS (1.5 hours)

- A. Purpose
  - 1. Elicit confession
  - 2. Elicit admissions
  - 3. Locks suspect into a story
- B. Legal authority
  - 1. PC 632 – Two party state- Private citizens may not be record without knowledge
  - 2. PC 633 – Peace officers exempt when conducting investigation
  - 3 PC 633.5 – Other exemptions (i.e. violent felony)
- C. Basic Steps
  - 1. Determining victim's ability
  - 2. Victim Preparation

XIII. COURSE CLOSING (.5 hour)

- A. Final Questions and Comments
- B. Course Evaluations

**METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:**

Lecture, film, video-tape simulation, discussion, role playing. Evaluation will be made via an objective test.

**OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:**

Required Outside Hours: 9

Assignment Description:

Review Penal codes regarding taking children into custody and child abuse.

Required Outside Hours: 9

Assignment Description:

Review department procedures and etiquette for conducting a child abuse victim interview

**METHODS OF EVALUATION:**

Writing assignments

Percent of total grade: 25.00 %

Percent range of total grade: 25 % to 35 % Written Homework; Reading Reports

Problem-solving assignments

Percent of total grade: 25.00 %

Homework Problems; Field Work; Lab Reports; Quizzes

Skill demonstrations

Percent of total grade: 25.00 %

Class Performance/s

Objective examinations

Percent of total grade: 25.00 %

Percent range of total grade: 25 % to 45 % Multiple Choice

**REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS:**

Dave Pelzer . A child Called It: One Childs Courage to Survive . Deerfield Beach Florida: Health Communications, INC,1993.

Most Current Edition

ISBN: 1558743669

Reading Level of Text, Grade: 12

Kenneth V Lanning . Child Molesters: A Behavioral Analysis . US Department of Justice : Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention ,2010.

Most current edition

Reading Level of Text, Grade: 12

Toni Cavanagh Johnson . Understanding Children's Sexual Behaviors: What's Natural and Healthy Natural lab manual. Neari Press ,2015.

Most Current edition

ISBN: 9781882948246

Reading Level of Text, Grade: 12

**ARTICULATION and CERTIFICATE INFORMATION**

Associate Degree:

CSU GE:

IGETC:

CSU TRANSFER:

Transferable CSU, effective 199750

UC TRANSFER:

Not Transferable

**SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:**

Basic Skills: N

Classification: Y

Noncredit Category: Y

Cooperative Education:

Program Status: 2 Stand-alone

Special Class Status: N

CAN:

CAN Sequence:

CSU Crosswalk Course Department:

CSU Crosswalk Course Number:

Prior to College Level: Y

Non Credit Enhanced Funding: N

Funding Agency Code: Y

In-Service: N

Occupational Course: B

Maximum Hours:

Minimum Hours:

Course Control Number: CCC000564403

Sports/Physical Education Course: N

Taxonomy of Program: 210500