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B148 Printed and Web-Based Forensic Science Education Resources

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After attending this presentation, attendees will understand the number and types of printed resources for forensic science education and the resources available on the web for forensic science education.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by assisting educators in forensic science in knowing the extent and types of resources for education in forensic science.

In recent years the number of institutions of higher education and secondary schools that offer forensic science courses or degrees has increased dramatically. This is partly due to the popularity of forensic science on television, books and the movies. The American Academy of Forensic Sciences lists more than 100 degree programs in forensic sciences and there are hundreds more colleges and universities that offer one or more courses. Hundreds of high schools and even middle schools now offer courses in forensic science.

Most educators like to use a textbook to provide the main educational material in a course. Until recently there have been very few suitable text- books for introductory courses and almost none for advanced courses. Likewise there has been very little in the way of laboratory manuals for forensic science courses and many teachers develop their own materials for lab.

This paper will survey the printed and web based resources available for teachers and students in forensic science. They will be divided by the level of the course and the main subject matter.

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