

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

The graduate certificate in latent print examination is designed for forensic sciences professionals who want to enhance their credentials and advance their careers.

## ADMISSIONS

**Admission deadlines:** Fall – July 1 (April 1 for international applicants who require a F-1 or J-1 visa)

Spring - November 1 (October 1 for international applicants who require a F-1 or J-1 visa)

**Standardized Test Scores:** The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the Certificate program are:

- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0; or

- TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based; or

- PTE Academic: 53

Students who are admitted with the requirement to take an English for Academic Purposes course must be available to take this course in the summer preceding enrollment in the program.

**Recommendations:** One (1) recommendation required:

**Prior academic records:** Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.

**Statement of purpose:** In an essay of 250 – 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application.

**Additional requirements:** Two courses in biology, chemistry, and/or forensic science at the undergraduate level; Bachelor's degree from an accredited university.

**International applicants only:** Please note: international students who require a student visa from GW are not eligible to apply for admission to this program.

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeeregulationtext>).

18 credits in required courses and achievement of a passing grade on the comprehensive examination.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
FORS 6207	Photography in the Forensic Sciences	
FORS 6215	Latent Print Comparisons I	
FORS 6216	Latent Print Processing	
FORS 6217	Latent Print Comparisons II	
FORS 6219	Digital Image Processing	
FORS 6230	Communicating About Latent Prints	

### Additional requirement

Successful completion of a comprehensive examination consisting of an exam and moot court.