PST 1085 BASIC FINGERPRINTING/PATTERN I.D.
NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
POLICE SCIENCE

Class Schedule:
Class Hours:
Class Location:
Instructor:
Office:
Other Contact:

COURSE DESCRIPTION
A study of ridge pattern identification and the physical aspects of fingerprints. Provides the basis for developing techniques for the taking of presentable and classifiable inked impressions. Emphasizes hands-on application of these techniques.

COURSE OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:
1. Know the history and value of fingerprints and their classification.
2. Know and be able to identify the basic fingerprints and their classification.
3. Know the general fingerprint rules.

COURSE COMPETENCIES
- know and be able to identify the basic fingerprint groups and patterns
- know the general fingerprint rules relating to sufficient recurve, type lines, deltas, cores, ridge count, and pattern tracing
- generally know the NCIC Fingerprint Classification System
- generally know minutiae detail and the identification process
- know the proper procedures for taking inked fingerprint impressions, to include major case prints
- be introduced to advanced fingerprint technology

TESTING
There will be written quizzes throughout the course as well as practical exercises. There will be a comprehensive final exam that will include Multiple Choice, True and False, and Fill in the Blank questions. Your classroom participation, punctuality and attendance may make the difference in a letter grade.

Textbook:

Disclaimer: Textbooks frequently change editions, so please be sure to check with the school bookstore to verify the current ISBN of the textbook before purchasing the textbook.
**GRADING SCALE**

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**STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITIES**
It is suggested that the student purchase a one and one-half (1½) inch three ring binder to hold the provided information. Each student will be assigned a magnifier (loop) in order to facilitate proper training. Each student is responsible for the proper care and return of this equipment. **If this equipment is not returned to the instructor by the end of this class, THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE AN “F” FOR A FINAL GRADE.**

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**
You must adhere to the Nashville State Tech attendance policy. You must attend at least 40 of the 45 hours to pass. If you miss over 5 hours, you will be asked to drop the course. If you miss over 5 hours and do **not** drop, you will receive an “FA” or “FN” for the final grade. Exceptions will be granted by permission of the **INSTRUCTOR ONLY.**

**TARDINESS IS NEITHER ADVISABLE NOR ACCEPTABLE**

**TWO (2) TARDIES WILL COUNT AS ONE (1) HOUR OF ABSENCE**

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**
Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. Plagiarism may result from (1) failing to cite quotations and borrowed ideas, (2) failing to enclose borrowed language in quotation marks, and (3) failing to put summaries and paraphrases in your own words. Academic dishonesty may be defined as, but is not limited to, intentionally trying to deceive by:

- claiming credit for the work of another person, using information from a web page or source without citing the reference.
- fraudulently using someone else’s work on an exam, paper, or assignment.
- recycling your own work from another course.
- attempting to obtain exams/materials/assignments in advance of the date of administration by the instructor.
- impersonating someone else in a testing situation.
- providing confidential test information to someone else.
- submitting the same assignment in two different classes without requesting both instructors’ permission.
- allowing someone else to copy or use your work.
- using someone else’s work to complete your own.
- altering documents, transcripts or grades.
- forging a faculty/staff member’s signature.

In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to assign an F or a Zero for the exercise, paper, or examination, or to assign an F for the course.
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) STATEMENT:
Nashville State Technical Community College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to request any accommodation(s) for this class, please notify the instructor as soon as possible. Students should not be given special accommodations in the classroom unless an accommodation form from Student Disability Services is completed and distributed to the faculty member.

- Student Disabilities Coordinator: Katie Watts (615) 353-3721 Office: S-114

STUDENT CLASSROOM CONDUCT:
Nashville State has a zero tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity. He/She can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct, or conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College. Disruptive behavior in the classroom that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment is defined as: offensive language, harassment of students or professor, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupts the flow of instruction or prevents concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, and/or continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others – beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, laptop games, or games. Students who are removed from class for disruptive behavior will not be allowed to return until the issue is resolved.

Classroom Conduct Policy:
NASHVILLE STATE HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT IN THE CLASSROOM.

- The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity.
- He/she can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct, or conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College.
- Disruptive behavior in the classroom that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment is defined as:
  - Offensive language
  - Harassment of students or professors
  - Repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevent concentration on the subject taught
  - Failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum
  - Continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others;
    - Beepers
    - Cell phones
    - Palm pilots
    - Lap-top computers
    - Games
- Students who are removed from class for disruptive behavior will not be allowed to return until the issue is resolved.

Additionally, no eating in the classroom is allowed; no wearing of sunglasses is allowed in class, except in cases prescribed by a physician; sleeping or lounging in class is considered disruptive behavior and grounds for immediate dismissal.

NOTE:
This syllabus is a master syllabus. Specific course requirements are subject to revision at the discretion of the individual instructor. A course syllabus will be provided the first day of class.