



**Ron Smith & Associates, Inc.**

**Course Title:**

RS&A Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions – Baton Rouge, LA

**Course Dates:**

April 29 – May 3, 2019

**Tuition Cost:**

\$600.00

**I.A.I. Approved Hours for Certification or Re-certification:**

36 Hours

**Course Location:**

Louisiana State Police Headquarters Building

7919 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**Course Instructor(s):**

John Black, CLPE, CFWE, CSCSA

Glenn Langenburg, Ph.D., CLPE, F-ABC

**Course Description:**

This 32-hour intermediate/advanced level course explores in depth and breadth the two concepts of "sufficiency" and "exclusion". Examiners routinely struggle with these concepts and this course offers both theoretical and practical learning tools to better understand these concepts. The course will explore sufficiency for "value" determinations, as well as "sufficiency for conclusions". The instructors will utilize current SWGFAST standards and ISO requirements when providing guidance on these topics. Students will explore several approaches for reducing erroneous exclusion rates and guidance is provided in the course for best practices based on the current research and literature available.

**Target Audience:**

This course, the first of its kind in the friction ridge community, deals with the critical concepts of exclusion and sufficiency and will benefit examiners at all levels of experience and skill. However, to fully appreciate and grasp the complexity of the issues surrounding these difficult decisions - made by examiners every day - comparison experience is not only preferred but strongly recommended. Unit supervisors and quality managers are also encouraged to attend this course

to gain a better understanding of the complexity of the current state of friction ridge examination.

**Course Contact Information:**

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