



Comm Skills Virtual Learning

Legal Communications I & II

Forensic Science

May 14, 2020



Lesson: May 14, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: Students will examine the role of forensic science in criminal procedure.

Bell Ringer/Let's Get Started

Describe the three crime lab services that you think you would like to work in the most.

Lesson/Activity

Read the duties of a forensic scientist. Be able to explain what they do on a day-to-day basis. Identify what education and training is needed and what schools or agencies offer the programs.

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Next, we will overview two landmark cases that set guidelines for the admissibility of scientific evidence in the courtroom.

First, [Frye vs. US](#)

Then, [Daubert vs. Merrell Dow](#)

[Compare and Contrast](#) Frye vs. US with Daubert vs. Merrell Dow.

Practice

Find out how the Daubert standard differs from state to state.

First, check out what is happening in [Missouri](#).

Complete some independent research and identify the Daubert application in at least two other states. Create a chart comparing the differences.

Additional Resources

[Daubert Standard](#)

[Florida Adopts Daubert Standard](#)