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# Comprehensive Latent Print Comparison

**Instructor:**

**Deborah Smith, CLPE**

**June 14 - 18, 2021**

**Tuition: \$599 | Hours: 8 am - 5 pm**

**Location:**

Hoover Police Training Center  
850 Munciple Drive | Hoover, AL 35216

**Lodging Information:**

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Birmingham - Hoover  
2960 John Hawkins Parkway | Birmingham, AL 35244  
205-985-9994

**Room Rate:** \$113 plus tax (single/double) | Free Hot Breakfast, Free Parking, Free Wi-Fi, Free Manager's Cocktail Reception

**Booking Info:** Call the hotel and mention Latent Print Class or use the booking link on the course page at [tritechtraining.com](http://tritechtraining.com) to receive the special rate.



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## ABOUT TRITECH

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

### Comprehensive Latent Print Comparison

The Comprehensive Latent Print Comparison course is one that involves a significant amount of latent print comparisons, as well as the pertinent information on the science. This will be far more involved than a basic-level comparison class but will be one that could be taken by any level of examiner, new or experienced, as it will have various levels of comparison exercises and knowledge throughout the course.

#### Target Audience

This forty-hour course is best suited for individuals performing any level of tenprint/latent print comparisons - from basic to advanced. (Foundational knowledge and working vocabulary of fingerprint terminology recommended.) It is also applicable to crime scene personnel who play a key role in the collection and evaluation of latent print evidence.

#### Goals of the Workshop

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will increase in both speed of comparisons and in ability to make difficult identifications. Students will improve their understanding of latent print documentation and their effectiveness at court testimony. Students will be able to explain philosophies of the science, including that under which statistical modeling is gaining acceptance in fingerprint identification, and will understand the requirements under various accrediting authorities. Students will be able to testify in accordance with current best practices in the field of fingerprint

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

### DEBORAH SMITH, CLPE



Deborah E. Smith serves as an International Association for Identification (IAI) Certified Latent Print Examiner and the Latent Print Supervisor for the Fort Worth Police Crime Laboratory. She is a Certified Technical Assessor for the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) and is a full member of the Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers (AFQAM).

Deborah graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government with an emphasis in Legal Studies and a minor in Criminal Justice from Texas Woman's University and is currently pursuing her Master of Science degree in Forensic Science from Oklahoma State University. She is also presenting and lecturing on fingerprints at such institutions as Texas Wesleyan University and Remington College, where she also serves on the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Criminal Justice Program. Deborah is also actively involved in training at various police academies such as the Fort Worth Police Academy and Tarrant County College Police Academy.

A strong advocate for quality management and assurance, she involves herself in every opportunity to share knowledge and communicate best practices in the field of fingerprints. While Deborah also has experience in crime scene processing and reconstruction, her professional interests focus primarily on the science of fingerprints as well as improving quality management systems. Her current projects include undertaking Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification, as well as presenting at various forensic conferences in the United States.