



Digital Forensics Certification Board

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Digital Forensics Certification Board Now Accepting Applications for First-Ever Independent Digital Evidence Examiner Certification

ORLANDO, Florida, May 2, 2011 – The Digital Forensics Certification Board (DFCB), an independent certifications organization for digital evidence examiners, today announced it's now accepting applications for its Digital Forensics Certified Practitioner (DFCP) designation. The new certification is expected to serve as a new, unmatched mark of distinction within the digital forensic community.

Formed in March 2009, the DFCB has completed its "Founder's Process" that formed the initial group of certified experts and created the testing materials and process for certification that opens today. The DFCB now offers applications for its Digital Forensics Certified Practitioner (DFCP) designation, which is only available to digital evidence professionals with a strict minimum of five years of experience related to digital evidence or digital forensics. Those seeking the DFCP designation must demonstrate two or more years of practical experience in the last three years and pass the DFCP exam. Interested examiners can find all application information at www.dfcb.org.

There is a critical need for independent certification in digital evidence examination. A congressionally mandated report published in February 2009 by the National Research Council found serious deficiencies in the nation's forensic science system. Rigorous and mandatory certification programs for forensic scientists are currently lacking, the report said, as are strong standards and protocols for analyzing and reporting on evidence. Through the DFCP designation, the DFCB is committed to providing an independent, highly respected certification process for digital examiners, answering this ever-growing need.

"We are pleased to announce the successful completion of our 'Founder's Process' that served as the vital foundation for creating a highly reputable, independent certification process with a rigorous test for those seeking the DFCP designation," said Warren G. Kruse II, President of the Digital Forensics Certification Board. "Through the hard work of its founding members, the DFCB now opens its application process for qualified examiners. Created by a broad group of some of the best minds in digital forensics, we are confident that the DFCP certification will quickly grow to become the standard certification in both the law enforcement and business communities."

About the DFCB

The Digital Forensics Certification Board is a member-driven, non-profit, vendor-independent organization of the National Center for Forensic Science, at the University of Central Florida, sponsored in part through a grant from the National Institute of Justice. DFCB was founded to provide, among other things, an objective certification in digital forensics in order to promote trust and confidence in the digital forensics profession. The Board currently offers professional certification for digital evidence examiners called the Digital Forensics Certified Practitioner (DFCP). The DFPC designation is only available to digital evidence professionals with a strict minimum of five years of experience related to digital evidence or digital forensics. Those seeking the DFPC must demonstrate two or more years of practical experience in the last three years. Visit www.dfcb.org or call 407.823.6469.

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