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**CORONERS' EDUCATION BOARD**  
**PROPOSAL FOR COURSE APPROVAL**

To be ratified  
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**NAME OF COURSE:** UNDERSTANDING CUTTING AND STABBING INJURY

**TOTAL HOURS:** ~~3~~ 3

**COST:** \$50.00

**LOCATION (ADDRESS):** [HTTPS://WWW.DITACADEMYONLINE.ORG/COURSES/CUTTI  
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ONLINE](https://www.ditacademyonline.org/courses/cuttingandstabbingonline)

**DATE(S) OF COURSE:** ANYTIME

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# Understanding Cutting and Stabbing Injury

In this course, you are introduced to the forensic importance of stabbing and cutting injuries. This course will describe what these wounds are and how they are made and will explore each type of wound's forensic importance to an investigation.

Darren Dake, D-ABMDI, CI, CCI

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**\$50**

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🌐 English

👤 Student Level: Everyone

📺 On-Demand Video

📜 Certificate of Completion

This course includes:

- ✓ 2.5 Hrs POST & ABMDI Credits
- ✓ Downloadable Resources
- ✓ Knowledge-Based Quizzes
- ✓ Private FB Community

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## Instructor

### **Darren Dake, D-ABMDI, CI, CCI**

#### Senior Instructor

Darren Dake is a law enforcement professional with over 35 years of experience in criminal and medicolegal death investigations. Darren has worked in both the law enforcement realm of investigations as well as in the role of senior investigator with the Coroner's office for 24 years, and now serves as the elected Coroner. This combined investigative experience has uniquely established Darren as an expert in investigations which allows him to consult and teach internationally on investigation practices and procedures.

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## Course Description

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Investigators must know and understand the difference in wound type and how different wounds are made. Often, wounds such as lacerations and incised wounds (cuts) are misidentified, or terminology is incorrect.

In this course, you are introduced to the forensic importance of stabbing and cutting injuries. This course will describe to you what these wounds are and how they are made. You will also explore each type of wound's forensic importance to an investigation.

## What You Will Learn

In this course, students will be introduced to cutting and stabbing injuries as it applies to the body. The highlight lessons in this course are.

- ✓ Identifying the four categories of cutting wounds
- ✓ How characteristics of suicidal stabbings differ from homicide
- ✓ What is the most important evidence in a bite mark injury
- ✓ Why 'cuts' on the body is often identified incorrectly

## Who This Course is For

This course will be beneficial to all professionals working in law enforcement and Coroner/M.E. roles. The principles taught will help you be a better investigator.





- Law Enforcement Patrol
- Law Enforcement Supervisors
- Detectives and Investigators

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## Curriculum

15 Lessons

### — Course Introduction and Welcome (03:40)

- ☒ Content Integrity and Continuing Education Credits 
- ☒ Content Integrity and Continuing Education Credits Acknowledgment 
- ☐ Welcome to your new course 
- ☒ Join the Private Facebook Community 


### — Cutting and Stabbing Injury (1:20:19)

- ☐ Cutting and Stabbing - Section Introduction 
- ☐ Cutting and Stabbing Injury - Abrasions 
- ☐ Cutting and Stabbing Injury -Lacerations 
- ☐ Cutting and Stabbing Injury - Incised Wounds and Chopping 
- ☐ Cutting and Stabbing Injury - Stabbing and Bite Marks 

### — Identifying Wound Types (14:37)


- ☐ Cutting and Stabbing Injury - Identifying Wound Types 

— Quiz: Cutting and Stabbing Injury (00:00)

 Quiz: Forensic Overview of Cutting and Stabbing Injury



— Reading and Resources (00:00)

 Blunt and Sharp Force Injury Classifications



 NIJ Report - Characterization of Weapons Used in Stabbing/Slashing Attacks



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Outlook

## OAG Coroners' Education Board Proposal For Course Approval Submission

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2025-ceb-understanding-cutting-and-stabbing-injury-understanding-cutting-and-stabbing-injury-overview.pdf; 2025-ceb-understanding-cutting-and-stabbing-injury-understanding-cutting-and-stabbing-injury-curriculum.pdf; 2025-ceb-understanding-cutting-and-stabbing-injury-understanding-cutting-and-stabbing-injury-instructor.pdf; coroner-course-application-Reigel.pdf;

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Understanding Cutting and Stabbing Injury

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2.5

### Cost

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### Address

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