



# ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

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LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

## Office of Postgraduate Professional Development Programs Postdoctoral Certificate in Forensic Psychology

### Foundational Program Modules (39 hours)

Course Code	Module Name
PDFP 900	<p>The Forensic Ethic and Mindset (seven hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The legal system and process</li><li>• Therapeutic v. forensic roles</li><li>• The controlling nature of law and how psychology fits</li><li>• A model for forensic evaluation</li><li>• Matters of style: detachment, thoroughness, scrutiny</li><li>• Data collection and documentation</li><li>• The legal system</li></ul>
PDFP 901	<p>Forensic Ethics and Other Sources of Authority (seven hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roles</li><li>• Informed consent/notification</li><li>• Privacy</li><li>• Assessment</li><li>• Fees</li></ul>
PDFP 902	<p>Evidence and How It Shapes Process and Presentation of Work, Data, and Opinions (seven hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of different relevant evidence in the forensic setting</li><li>• Demonstration of how this information shapes process and presentation, specifically in the forensic work, data collection/management, and opinions rendered</li></ul>
PDFP 903	<p>Assessment of Response Style (seven hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emotional and behavioral functioning</li><li>• Cognitive functioning</li><li>• Psychological instruments normally used to address typical forensic questions</li></ul>
PDFP 904	<p>Presenting Opinions via Report Writing and Testimony (11 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Essential components of forensic report writing</li><li>• Crucial elements to consider for an effective testimony</li><li>• Moot court experience</li></ul>