

FRAUD EXAMINATION & FORENSIC ACCOUNTING (FEA)

About the Program

With the growth of white-collar crime and budgetary pressures on law enforcement, many large organizations rely on their internal resources to prevent, detect and quantify fraud. This eight-month graduate certificate program will provide you with in-depth knowledge and computer techniques to investigate fraud, financial disputes and other irregularities in the business world.

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE®) estimates that a typical organization loses 5% of its annual revenue to fraud or \$3.5 trillion globally with over half never recovering the funds.

Upon graduation from this program, you are strongly encouraged to pursue Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designation through the ACFE®.

Part-time option is available > (<http://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/ce/business/accounting/fraud-examination-and-forensic-accounting.html>)

Credential Awarded

Ontario College Graduate Certificate

Duration

2 Semesters (8 Months)

Starts

September

Program and Course Delivery

This program is offered in Seneca's flexible delivery format. Using interactive learning spaces, professors teach in person to students in a physical classroom or lab and stream to students online at the same time. In courses delivered in the flexible format, students have a choice of coming to campus for an in-person experience or learning online.

Skills

Throughout this program you will develop the following skills:

- Fraud investigation
- Law
- Criminology
- Ethics
- Computer forensics
- Data mining

Your Career

When you graduate from this program, these are the types of career options you can explore:

- Public accounting firms
- Banks
- Insurance companies
- Credit card companies

- Government agencies
- Financial regulators
- A civilian employee in law enforcement

Program of Study

Course Code	Course Name	Weekly Hours
Semester 1		
BAB231	Introduction to Business Law	3
FAC702	Fraud Investigation Basics	3
FAC723	Fraud and the Business Environment	3
FAC755	Criminology and Ethics	3
FAC771	Business Valuation and Quantification of Damages	3
Semester 2		
FAC734	Money Laundering and Asset Tracing	3
FAC802	Fraud Investigation - Advanced	3
FAC823	Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Control	3
FAC834	Digital Forensics and E-Discovery	3
FAC856	Financial Statement Fraud	3

Program Learning Outcomes

This Seneca program has been validated by the Credential Validation Service as an Ontario College Credential as required by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

As a graduate, you will be prepared to reliably demonstrate the ability to:

- Gather and analyze evidence including documents, oral statements, computer records etc.
- Demonstrate effective interview techniques
- Use principles of accounting and understand related accounting systems such as general ledgers, expense accounts etc. to examine records and detect fraudulent activity
- Analyze financial statements and related disclosures (footnotes to statements)
- Understand internal controls
- Effectively present findings in both a written form and orally, in meetings and in a court setting
- Use and interpret legal concepts
- Identify indicators of fraud and recognize the factors that increase the likelihood for fraud/criminal activity
- Be aware of emerging schemes and trends in the field of forensic accounting

Admission Requirements

- Ontario university or college degree or college diploma or equivalent. Applicants with an equivalent combination of partial postsecondary and at least two years of related work experience may be considered for admission. A relevant resumé and references must be provided.
- English proficiency (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/english-proficiency.html>) for graduate certificates

Canadian citizens or permanent residents educated outside of Canada must provide a World Education Services (WES) or ICAS Canada credential evaluation.

International Student Information

International admissions requirements vary by program and in addition to English requirements (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/english-requirements.html>), programs may require credits in mathematics, biology, and chemistry at a level equivalent to Ontario's curriculum, or a postsecondary degree or diploma, equivalent to an Ontario university or college. Program-specific pre-requisite courses and credentials are listed with the admission requirements on each program page. To review the academic

requirements please visit: Academic Requirements - Seneca, Toronto, Canada ([senecapolytechnic.ca](https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca)) (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/academic-requirements.html>).

Pathways

As a leader in academic pathways, we offer a range of options that will allow you to take your credential further in another Seneca program or a program at a partner institution.

To learn more about your eligibility, visit the Academic Pathways (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/pathways.html>) web page.

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