CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINER (CFE)



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Introduction

The Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) Training Course prepares fraud, audit, and compliance professionals to detect, investigate, and prevent occupational and financial fraud. Fraud rarely announces itself, and it thrives where controls are weak and oversight is light. CFEs combine four disciplines: fraud prevention, fraud detection, investigation, and law. This course works through the CFE exam domains while applying them to realistic cases. It covers fraud schemes, red flags, evidence handling, and interviewing. Furthermore, it applies the ACFE Code of Professional Ethics and Fraud Examiners Manual. As a result, participants gain both exam readiness and investigative capability.

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) Course Objectives

- Explain the ACFE exam structure and its four examination domains.
- Identify occupational fraud schemes including corruption and asset misappropriation.
- Assess fraud risk and design prevention controls.
- Apply fraud detection techniques and data analysis methods.
- Interpret financial statements for fraud indicators and manipulation signals.
- Apply investigation methods including evidence collection and documentation.
- Conduct interviews and elicit admissions lawfully and ethically.
- Apply legal principles including evidence rules and expert testimony duties.
- Interpret the ACFE Code of Professional Ethics in practice.
- Prepare fraud reports, resolutions, and remediation recommendations.

Course Methodology

- Interactive lectures following the ACFE exam domains with worked examples.
- Fraud scheme case workshops across industries and roles.
- Data analysis and fraud detection exercises.

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- Investigation simulation covering evidence and interviewing practice.
- Practice question banks with detailed answers and reasoning.

Who Should Take This Course

- Fraud examiners and investigation specialists.
- Internal auditors and loss prevention officers.
- Compliance and anti-fraud officers.
- Forensic accountants and financial analysts.
- Risk managers covering fraud risk.
- Candidates preparing for the CFE examination.

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) Course Outlines

Day 1: Fraud Prevention and Ethics

- The ACFE exam structure, domains, and scoring expectations.
- Fraud risk assessment frameworks and control design.
- Tone at the top, ethics programmes, and fraud policy.
- The ACFE Code of Professional Ethics and professional conduct.
- Fraud awareness training and reporting mechanisms.
- Corporate governance and fraud oversight responsibilities.
- Case study: how weak prevention allowed a long-running scheme.

Day 2: Financial Transactions and Fraud Schemes

- Asset misappropriation: cash, inventory, and billing schemes.
- Corruption schemes: bribery, kickbacks, and conflicts of interest.

- Financial statement fraud: manipulation and concealment methods.
- Revenue recognition and expense manipulation schemes.
- External fraud: identity theft, cyber fraud, and vendor fraud.
- Red flag indicators across each scheme type.
- Workshop: identifying schemes from transaction evidence.

Day 3: Fraud Detection and Data Analysis

- Fraud detection approaches and surprise audits.
- Data analysis techniques including Benford's Law and outlier testing.
- Red flag analysis and fraud risk scoring.
- Internal controls and detection control design.
- Whistleblowing channels and hotline management.
- Ongoing monitoring and continuous auditing.
- Workshop: running data analysis to detect anomalies.

Day 4: Investigation and Evidence

- Investigation planning, scoping, and case theory development.
- Evidence types, admissibility, and chain of custody.
- Document examination and forgery detection basics.
- Covert examination and surveillance considerations.
- Interviewing techniques: admission-seeking and cognitive methods.
- Interview documentation, statements, and corroboration.
- Workshop: planning an investigation and conducting interviews.

Day 5: Law, Reporting, and Exam Readiness

- Legal elements of fraud and applicable offences.
- Evidence rules, privilege, and expert testimony duties.
- Reporting to management, boards, and law enforcement.
- Discipline, recovery, civil action, and loss recovery approaches.
- Remediation and control improvement recommendations.
- Practice questions across the four CFE domains with explanations.
- Course review, assessment, and action planning.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), participants will gain a thorough understanding of fraud prevention, scheme types, detection techniques, investigation practice, and legal considerations. They will also acquire practical skills in fraud risk assessment, data analysis, evidence handling, and interview practice. In addition, the course prepares them to approach the CFE examination with structured confidence. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with a strong focus on real fraud examination practice and measurable capability improvement.

FAQs for Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) course

Q1 What is the "Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)" course about?

It is a five-day programme preparing professionals for CFE certification and fraud examination work. It covers the four exam domains: fraud prevention, financial transactions and fraud schemes, fraud detection, and investigation, plus law and reporting practice.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)" course?

Participants gain a structured route to certification alongside practical investigative skills. The course improves fraud risk assessment and control design, strengthens detection through data analysis, raises investigation and evidence quality, improves interview outcomes, reduces legal risk in reporting, and lowers organisational fraud losses.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)" course?

Participants gain fraud risk assessment and prevention control design, fraud scheme identification and detection analytics, investigation planning with evidence collection and documentation, and interviewing and fraud reporting with legal awareness. These four skills cover the domains tested by the CFE examination.

Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)" course?

The course covers the ACFE exam domains and the Fraud Examiners Manual, the ACFE Code of Professional Ethics, fraud risk assessment frameworks, asset misappropriation, corruption and financial statement fraud schemes, red flag indicators, surprise audits, Benford's Law and outlier testing, fraud risk scoring, detection control design, whistleblowing hotline management, continuous auditing, investigation planning and case theory, evidence admissibility and chain of custody, document examination and forgery detection, admission-seeking and cognitive interviewing techniques, legal elements of fraud, evidence rules and expert testimony duties, fraud reporting formats, and remediation and loss recovery approaches.

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Q5 How is the "Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants apply the methods to real or simulated cases. They run fraud risk assessments, analyse transaction data for anomalies, plan investigations, document evidence, conduct interviews, and prepare reports for management and law enforcement. Many leave with a case file structure and detection checklists ready for immediate use.