

SPECIALIST VULNERABLE WITNESS FORENSIC INTERVIEW TRAINING

ABOUT OUR CENTRE

Investigative interviewing involves eliciting a detailed and accurate account of an event or situation from a person to assist decision-making.

The Centre for Investigative Interviewing (www.investigativecentre.com) is a dynamic hub that provides specialist resources, training and research facilities to enhance interviewer competency, enable quality evaluation, and improve justice systems. Our industry-based research has a focus on outcomes, and our team is comprised of a range of professionals including psychologists, lawyers, statisticians, ex-police officers, speech pathologists and administration staff. The Centre's training is tailored to meet specific organisational or jurisdictional requirements.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

The Founding Director, Professor Martine Powell, is a leading authority on investigative interviewing. Her early training was in education and clinical child psychology.

She has over 20 years of experience as a researcher and trainer in child witness interviewing and over 200 peer-reviewed publications addressing the effectiveness of various interview and interviewer-training techniques and criminal justice reforms.



ABOUT THE COURSE

The 'Specialist Vulnerable Witness Forensic Interview Training' is an online course containing 15 modules instructing how to elicit important evidential information from children in narrative format. Topics include choosing effective questions, eliciting reliable disclosures, and tailoring interview techniques to cultural minority groups and persons with complex communication needs.

The course has evolved over 10 years and is highly practical in nature. It includes professional films that illustrate aspects of child development and interviewer skills, quizzes (where instant feedback on performance is provided), practical readings, and mock interview exercises (conducted with a trainer or a virtual child). Trainers track individuals' progress throughout the course and provide additional learning and IT support when required. The course is self-paced but is expected to take around four months. A certificate is provided on completion.

Course evaluation has been outstanding, with post-training performance revealing

- open-ended question rates of 60%
- a reduction in interview length without loss of evidential information
- compliance with best-practice protocol elements
- maintenance of skills for at least 12 months after course completion.

COST

\$2,500 AUD (plus \$250 GST within Australia) covers full access to the online learning environment and a trainer.

For more information about the course, please contact:
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