

## TPD: Overview

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**Introduction** Knowledge, training and experience are among the most important attributes of a forensic scientist. These are often combined under the general heading of “expertise.”

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**Program goal** The Laboratory of Forensic Services is committed to providing quality forensic services. In order to ensure we are meeting our commitment to quality service the Laboratory of Forensic Services will provide

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- training to develop analysts’ general knowledge of forensic science principles
- training in the presentation and interpretation of physical evidence in court
- training in the application of ethical practices in forensic science
- training to develop and maintain the proficiency of analysts in their current assignment or discipline

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### *supplemental*

- opportunities for cross-training in other forensic science disciplines
  - support for research and development whenever feasible.
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**Intent of the program** The intent of the laboratory’s Professional Development Program is to

- develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the laboratory staff in order to ensure continuous quality improvement of their work product
  - create a positive workplace environment
  - maintain the laboratory’s prominence in the forensic science community.
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**Scope and time allotted for the program** The scope and time required for professional development shall be determined by laboratory management and must be in compliance with the practices of the Sacramento County Office of the District Attorney and the laboratory’s Quality System.

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