



CRM101

**Essentials of the Reid Technique -
Criminal Interrogation and Confessions - 20 hours**

Objectives

Essentials of the Reid Technique teaches readers how to spot and interpret verbal and nonverbal behaviors of deceptive (or truthful) people – and how to move toward solid confessions from guilty persons. The book includes real-life scenarios and examples to help readers understand the effective and proper way that a suspect should be interrogated and the safeguards that should be in place to ensure the integrity of the confession.

Course Outline

Chapter 1 - Distinctions Between Interviews and Interrogations

After completing Chapter 1, you should comprehend the following:

1. Perspective
2. Characteristics of an Interview
3. Characteristics of an Interrogation
4. Benefits of Conducting an Interview Before an Interrogation

Chapter 2 – The Importance of Obtaining and Evaluating Factual Information

After completing Chapter 2, you should comprehend the following:

1. Before the Interview

2. Gathering Information from Others through Interviews

Chapter 3 – Privacy and the Interview Room

After completing Chapter 3, you should comprehend the following:

1. The Importance of Privacy
2. Minimize Reminders of Consequences
3. Suggestions for Setting Up the Interview Room

Chapter 4 – Qualifications, Attitude, and General Conduct of the Investigator

After completing Chapter 4, you should comprehend the following:

1. Interviewer Traits
2. Interviewer Qualifications
3. Initial Interview Procedures
4. Investigator's Demeanor During an Interview

Chapter 5 – Preparation and Starting the Interview

After completing Chapter 5, you should comprehend the following:

1. Perspective
2. Formal Versus Informal Interviews
3. Arranging the Formal Interview
4. Preparing for the Interview
5. Establishing Rapport
6. The Use of an Introductory Statement

Chapter 6 – Formulation of Interview Questions

After completing Chapter 6, you should comprehend the following:

1. Perspective
2. Asking an Initial Open Question
3. Phrasing Open Questions
4. Eliciting a Full Response
5. Evaluating Responses to Open Questions
6. Clarifying the Open Account
7. Asking Direct Questions

8. Asking Follow-Up Questions

Chapter 7 – Behavior Symptom Analysis

After completing Chapter 7, you should comprehend the following:

1. Overview of Research on Related Behavior Analysis
2. Underlying Principles of Behavior Analysis
3. Evaluating the Subject's Attitudes
4. Evaluation of Verbal Behavior
5. Evaluation of Paralinguistic Behavior
6. Evaluation of Nonverbal Behavior

Chapter 8 – Behavior Symptoms of Truthful and Untruthful Subjects

After completing chapter 8, you should comprehend the following:

1. Perspective
2. Initial Assessment of the Subject
3. Behaviors Common to Both Truthful and Deceptive Subjects
4. Factors that May Lead to Misinterpretation of Behavior Symptoms

Chapter 9 – Overview of and Preparation for the Reid Nine Steps

After completing Chapter 9, you should comprehend the following:

1. Perspective
2. General Classification of Offenders
3. Brief Analysis of the Nine Steps of Interrogation
4. Preliminary Preparations for Applying the Nine Steps

Chapter 10 – Step 1: Direct, Positive Confrontations

After completing Chapter 10, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures

Chapter 11 - Step 2: Theme Development

After completing Chapter 11, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures for Emotional Offenders
3. Procedures for Nonemotional Offenders

Chapter 12 – Step 3: Handling Denials

After completing Chapter 12, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures
3. Anticipating Denials Before they are Voiced
4. Discouraging Weak Denials from Being Voiced
5. Evaluating Denials
6. Responding Effectively to Denials

Chapter 13 – Step 4: Overcoming Objections

After completing Chapter 13, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures

Chapter 14 – Step 5: Procurement and Retention of the Suspect's Attention

After completing Chapter 14, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures

Chapter 15 – Step 6: Handling the Suspect's Passive Mood

After completing Chapter 15, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures
3. Recognizing the Signs of Resignation

Chapter 16 – Step 7: Presenting an Alternative Question

After completing Chapter 16, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures

Chapter 17– Step 8: Having the Suspects Relate Details of the Offense

After completing Chapter 17, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures

Chapter 18 – Step 9: Converting an Oral Confession into a Written Confession

After completing Chapter 18, you should comprehend the following:

1. Principles
2. Procedures
3. The Language of the Confession
4. Final Details
5. Safeguarding the Effectiveness of the Confession
6. Confession is Not the End of Investigation