Course Objectives:
By the conclusion of the 22 hours of instruction, students will be exposed to and have developed an understanding of:

- the concepts of truthfulness and deception.
- what valid statements are and how to collect them.
- what are and be able to identify “Linguistic Signals” and language with hidden, underlying meaning.
- following the detailed process of examining the components of statements to gain the most information possible to help you gain confessions.
- interpreting the results of an analysis.
- validity Assessments and determining levels of deception.
- developing an alternative interview strategy.
- the practical application of skills and knowledge by completing minimum of eight practice statements.

Instructional Timeline

**Day 1**

7:30-8:00  Registration/Check in
8:00-9:15:  Introduction to LSAT
            1. Deceptive thought process v. Truthful thought process
            2. Psychology behind deception and memory
9:15-9:25:  Break
9:25-10:45: Foundations of Statement Analysis
10:45-10:55: Break
10:55-11:30: Foundations of Statement Analysis Continued
11:30-12:30: Lunch
12:30-1:45: Introduction to Linguistic Signals
            1. Pronouns
            2. Commitment
1:45-2:00  Break
2:00-2:45:  Linguistic Signals Continued
            1. Situational Language
3:15-3:45:  Practical Exercise #1 (Assault)
3:45-4:00  Break
4:00-5:00  Practical Exercise #2 (Homicide)

**Day 2**

8:00-8:45  Linguistic Signals continued
            1. Connecting Phrases (intentionally omitted information)
            2. Repeated Phrases (intentionally omitted information)
            3. Information Gaps; (missing information; deception)
8:45-9:30  Practical Exercise #3 (Vandalism)
9:30-9:45  Break
9:45-10:45: Linguistic Signals – Extraneous Information
            1. Signs of Sensitivity; Critical Investigative points
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10:45-11:00  Break
11:15-12:00:  Practical Exercise #4 (Sexual Assault)
12:00-1:00:    Lunch break
1:00-2:00:    Linguistic Signals
                1. Time references: Objective times and Perceived time calculations
2:00-2:15:    Break
2:15-3:00    Practical Exercise #5 (Arson)
3:00-3:30    Linguistic Signals Continued: Communication References
3:30-3:45    Statement Structure: Statement Balance
4:30-5:00    Practical Exercise #6 (Theft)

Day 3
8:00-8:20:    Practice Statement #7; Dead body discovery
8:20-8:45:    Validity Assessments; Scoring and Grading the Analysis
8:45-9:30    Practical Exercise: Video tape of murder suspect
9:30-9:40:    Break
9:45-11:30   Practice Statement #8: Child Abuse
11:30 – noon Clarification; graduation