Lesson Title: Photos Micro-Credential	Grade Level: 10-12	
CTE Pathway / Course Name:	Lesson Duration: 1-2 class periods	
PLC Question One: What do we want all students to know and be able to do?		

Industry Standards:

• Students will document a crime scene using the correct three-phase photography sequence and maintain evidence integrity with proper markers, scales, reference points, and a photo log.

Essential Question:

• In what ways can photographic documentation strengthen—or weaken—the credibility of crime scene evidence in court?

Instructional Objectives / Learning Targets:

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the correct three-phase forensic photography sequence (Overall, Mid-Range, Close-Up) on a staged crime scene.
- Apply proper evidence documentation techniques using placards, scales, and a photo log.
- Organize and compile their photographs and documentation into a structured Google Slides case file.
- Explain how sequencing, accuracy, and fixed reference points protect the integrity of crime scene evidence.

PLC Question Two: How will we know when students have learned?

Assessment and Evidence

Classroom Assessments:

- Exit Ticket-Formative Assessment
- Knowledge-based Formative Assessment
- Formative, Performance-Based Assessment

Planning Question: How will teachers facilitate the learning?		
Micro Lesson Planning	Resources & Equipment	
Bell Ringer / Engagement (5–10 min): This bell ringer introduces students to the ethical debate surrounding crime scene photography using the University of Idaho case, and guides them through a brief visual analysis activity to connect ethics with evidence documentation. Activity Bellringer	 Computer/Smartboard Paper/Pencil Student Computer 	

Assessment	
Exit Ticket-Formative Assessment	
Direct Instruction (10–15 min): Use this guide to instruct students on proper crime scene photography techniques, walk them through each photo type (overall, mid-range, close-up), and ensure students practice documenting a scene in the correct sequence using placards, scales, and a photo log. Activity Forensic Photography Guide Presentation Assessment Knowledge-based Formative Assessment	 Computer/Smartboard Paper/Pencil Student Computer
Guided Practice (10–15 min): This lesson is a guided practice teaching students the sequential forensic photography method (Overall, Mid-Range, Close-Up) and requiring documentation via a photo log. Activity Forensic Photography Exercise Assessment Formative, Performance-Based Assessment	 Computer/Smartboard Paper/Pencil Student Computer Camera: A digital camera or smartphone. Scales: L-Scales or flat rulers (for close-up measurements). Markers: Numbered evidence placards or tents. Documentation: A log sheet and pen. Stability (Optional): A small tripod or stabilizing base for close-ups.
Hands-On Activity / Lab (30–60 min): Facilitate a hands-on exercise where students demonstrate the correct three-phase sequence of forensic photography (Overall, Mid-Range, Close-Up) and maintain proper documentation integrity. Activity Forensic Photography Documentation Practical Assessment Formative, Performance-Based	 Computer/Smartboard Paper/Pencil Student Computer Camera: A digital camera or smartphone. Scales: L-Scales or flat rulers (for close-up measurements). Markers: Numbered evidence placards or tents. Documentation: A log sheet and pen. Stability (Optional): A small tripod or stabilizing base for close-ups.
Debrief and Reflection (10–15 min):	

 Today's exercise allowed students to apply the three-phase forensic photography sequence in a realistic crime-scene scenario. Students reflected on how well they documented the scene, maintained sequencing, and used fixed reference points for Overall, Mid-Range, and Close-Up shots. The discussion focused on what went well, what challenges they encountered (lighting, angles, focus, or maintaining order), and how proper documentation directly impacts the integrity of real investigative work. 	
 Assessment / Exit Ticket: Students must compile all required photographs and the completed Mini Photo Log into a single Google Slides presentation. 	
 Microcredential Evaluation: Formative assessment will occur during practical exercise. 	
 Accommodations and Modifications: Accommodations will follow all IEP or 504 plans to ensure equitable access. Students may receive extended time, simplified scenarios, or verbal instead of written responses. Small-group or one-on-one settings, restated directions, and assistive technology (speech-to-text, enlarged print) may be provided as needed. All supports will maintain the integrity of the Photo Documentation Micro-Credential standards. 	
Rubric:	Photography at a Scene Rubric