

PACFE 2026 Spring Training

Prerequisites to Attend Training:

No prerequisites required.

Course Difficulty Levels:

Basic: The program teaches fundamental principles/skills to participants having no prior exposure to the subject area.

Intermediate: The program builds on a basic level program to relate fundamental principles or skills to practical situations and extend them to a broader range of applications.

Advanced: The program teaches participants to deal with complex situations.

Course Name/ Speaker/Description/ Level of Difficulty

Course 1: “Cyber Fraud Trends 2026: Learn From the Burn Without Feeling the Heat”

Touching a hot stove is one way to learn a lesson. Watching your brother do it is better — you gain the wisdom without the pain.

In Cyber Fraud Trends 2026, this session takes that same philosophy into today’s rapidly evolving cyber fraud landscape. Small organizations and everyday individuals are being burned by increasingly sophisticated cyber-enabled scams, from social engineering schemes and account takeover attacks to emerging fraud models that exploit trusted platforms and human psychology.

Rather than focusing on abstract theory, this session examines real-world examples and investigative insights drawn from current cases. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of why these attacks work, why traditional defenses often fail, and how to build layered protections that are realistic for small organizations and individual users.

If we pay attention to where others have been burned, we can anticipate where the stove is hot.

Presenter: Matt Dotts

Level of Study: Basic

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Number of Credits: 1 credit

Course 2: “Fraud Detection with Intelligence Sharing”

In an era where fraud networks are more interconnected than ever, staying in a silo is a strategy for failure. This session explores how modern financial institutions are leveraging collaborative intelligence sharing to dismantle complex fraud rings. We will dive into real-world case studies demonstrating how link analysis and data orchestration turn fragmented data points into actionable intelligence. Attendees will learn how to identify hidden relationships between disparate entities and move from reactive investigation to proactive disruption.

Presenter: David Tyree

Level of Study: Intermediate

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Number of Credits: 1 credit

Course 3: “Techniques to Prevent Customer Fraud (with Digital, Crypto, and P2P focus)”

The "Great Migration" to digital finance has opened floodgates for sophisticated customer-centric fraud, ranging from account takeovers to elaborate social engineering. This presentation tackles the evolving landscape of P2P, Cryptocurrency, and Digital Wallet exploitation. We will examine the specific technical signatures of digital fraud and discuss hybrid prevention techniques that balance friction-less customer experience with robust security. Join us to explore how to track the flow of illicit funds across blockchain and traditional ledgers to stop fraud before the "send" button is even pressed.

Presenter: David Tyree

Level of Study: Basic

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Number of Credits: 1 credit

Course 4: “Soup to Nuts: The Fraud Risk Assessment Process”

This 50-minute seminar provides a focused introduction to creating an effective Fraud Risk Assessment (FRA), offering a practical overview of how the FRA serves as the foundation of a strong anti-fraud program. Participants will learn the essential components of the FRA process, including how it supports organizational decision-making and strengthens overall fraud prevention efforts. The session covers how to identify and organize fraud risks through brainstorming and interviews, how to build a usable fraud risk library, and how to structure and evaluate an FRA that appropriately weights risks based on likelihood and impact. The course also highlights common fraud red flags, effective response strategies, and approaches for monitoring risks over time. To support the assessment process, the seminar includes guidance on interview best practices and concludes with a summary tying together how a well-designed FRA can enhance the organization’s broader risk management framework.

Presenter: Tali Ploetz

Level of Study: Basic

Field of Study: Specialized Knowledge

Number of Credits: 1

Course 5: “Business Ethics for Business People”

Description: This 100-minute session offers an engaging exploration of ethics, morals, and ethical decision-making in the workplace, highlighting how an organization’s ethical foundation shapes its reputation, culture, and long-term success. The session explains how strong ethical practices influence every level of business and every group connected to it, including employees, customers, suppliers, and competitors, creating a dynamic environment where behavior and expectations flow in both directions. Participants will examine why ethical leadership matters in a world where information spreads rapidly, and how a thoughtful ethics program can strengthen trust, accountability, and overall organizational performance. Designed for auditors and professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of behavioral ethics, the session covers the core concepts of ethical behavior, the benefits of embedding ethics into daily operations, strategies for implementing ethical practices, and ways to recognize both ethical and unethical actions. Attendees will learn how to make sound ethical decisions, approach responsibilities with integrity, and contribute to a workplace culture grounded in strong moral principles.

Presenter: Tali Ploetz

Level of Study: Basic

Field of Study: Ethics

Number of Credits: 2