

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are Registered Nurses who have completed both the didactic and clinical requirements in preparation to provide unbiased victim centered care to patients reporting victimization by violence. Sexual assault exams are one of the subspecialties of a forensic nurse.

RNs and Advanced Practice Nurses who plan to become employed as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner can be described as:

- Passionate about excellent patient and family care
- Self-motivated/self-directed learners
- Possess critical thinking skills
- Highly reliable
- Outcome oriented
- Collaborative in their nursing practice- working well with other nurses, physicians, social services, and community agencies and families.

Course dates and times

- This is a 5 day course:
August 28, 29, 30, 31, September 1, 2017
- Each day starts at 7:50a.m. (CST) – welcome/general announcements
- Lectures start at 8:00a.m. (CST)
- Estimated class end times 5:30p.m. (CST)
- Final examination will be conducted at the end of last day, September 1st

Course location:

- Course will be held at Franciscan Health, Crown Point, IN
 - 1201 South Main Street
 - Crown Point, IN 46307
- Class sessions to be conducted in the Marion Education Center in Classroom A

Cost:

- **Clinical/Health Care professionals:**
 - Non –Affiliated hospital cost is \$550.00
 - Affiliated hospital cost is \$450.00

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- **SANE two day refresher course cost:** \$250.00
Tuesday and Wednesday
August 29th and August 30th

Must provide a copy of your SANE Certificate(s) both didactic and clinical

- **Law Enforcement/Prosecutors/Advocates/Social Services:**
- Cost: \$250.00

What you must know before starting this course:

- You are expected to attend each didactic class for the entire day and complete lecture evaluations for that by the end of each class day
- The Northwest Indiana Northern Ministry Centers of Hope SANE training is based on the International Association of Forensic Nurse's Educational Guidelines
- ***It is recommended that a SANE candidate have a minimum of 2 years in clinical practice as a registered nurse prior to applying for this course***
- Successful completion of this course depends on attendance and a score of 90% on final examination
- Additionally, you must complete approximately 40 hours of clinical expectations in the community/county in which you will be working within a designated time frame.
 - If you are unable to complete all clinical requirements in the designated time, you may be asked to retake the course and final examination
- It is important to have an experienced preceptor in sexual assault examination and evidence collection – to supervise all of your sexual assault examinations, until clinical requirements have been met.
- This course does not prepare or qualify attendees for the forensic care of pre-pubescent children. The forensic care of pre-pubescent children is covered in a separate, specialized Pediatric SANE course.
- The course does NOT guarantee a position as a forensic nurse at a Center of Hope.
- ***You are considered a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner only AFTER successfully completing the didactic and clinical components of this class.***
- The objective of this SANE training is to help prepare and make you eligible to sit for the SANE-A certification examination. To be eligible to sit for the SANE-A certification exam, you must successfully complete a 40 hour (minimum) SANE training. You will receive a certificate for your didactic completion the last day of class- after successfully passing the comprehensive written examination. Upon completing our clinical requirements, you will receive a final SANE course certificate in the mail. Please link to the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) website: www.iafn.org for details regarding SANE-A certification exam.

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Course Evaluation Methods

Evaluation methods may include, but are not limited to:

- Class participation
- Assessment of critical thinking skills
- Observation of being able to communicate and work collaboratively with fellow students and instructors
- Participation in mock trial and evidence collection
- Clinical content
- A comprehensive written final examination

Course Content Includes:

Course content includes, but is not limited to:

- Overview of Forensic Nursing and Sexual Violence
- Victim Responses and Crisis Intervention
- Collaborating with Community Agencies
- Medicolegal History Taking
- Observing and Assessing Physical Exam Findings
- Medicolegal Specimen Collection
- Medicolegal Photography
- Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing and Prophylaxis
- Pregnancy Testing and Prophylaxis
- Medicolegal Documentation
- Discharge and Follow-Up Planning
- Courtroom Testimony and Legal Considerations

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Clinical Expectations:

Due to the sensitivity of criminal investigations, clinical opportunities are ONLY for RNs/APNs who have made a commitment to interview for employment as Sexual Assault/Forensic Nurse Examiner upon course completion. According to the IAFN (2015) "Educational Guidelines preceptor experiences should be completed in a time frame that ensures competency and maximum retention of knowledge and skills, typically within six months of completion of the didactic training. Required clinical skills shall be performed until competent, and competency is determined by the professional assessing the required clinical skills."

This SANE Course adheres to a time frame no longer than 6 months following the didactic course.

You MUST have a preceptor who will monitor and validate your competencies throughout this training. A preceptor agreement is on the application form:

Your preceptor must be:

- Experienced in sexual assault examinations and evidence collection
- A registered nurse, advanced practice nurse, or physician.

You will be responsible for scheduling all of your own clinical experiences. Clinical times vary and are arranged depending on the availability of the various agencies. We highly suggest completing your clinical requirements in the geographical areas you will be practicing in. On the first day of class we will discuss your opportunities to:

- Spend time with detectives/police investigating a case
- Meet with victim advocates
- Observing trial in the courtroom
- Crime lab tour and information
- Participate in additional training experiences

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Center of Hope Clinical Requirements:

Clinical experiences that should be completed by March 1, 2018:

- Law Enforcement 4 hours
- Victim Advocacy/Rape Advocate 4 hours
- Observation of felony trial 4 hours
- Crime lab tour 4 hours
- Spend time with Prosecutors/Defense attorney 4 hours
- Other forensic nursing experience options: 10 additional hours
 - Forensic photography training
 - Colposcope training
 - Observation of autopsies
 - Crime scene visits with law enforcement
 - Observe suspect interviews or exams
 - STD clinic
 - Forensic documentation training
 - IAFN- state chapter meeting
 - Participate in case reviews/chart audits
 - Crime scene investigative units/evidence technicians
 - Other experiences with prior approval from class coordinators

Clinical experiences that MUST be done by March 1, 2018:

- Speculum exam experience 15 female exams
- Sexual Assault Examinations 3 exams
 - 1 exam may include a mock exam

Clinical packets should be scanned, mailed or faxed to:

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have any additional questions**