



# Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

## Online Training Program

Presented by  
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In collaboration with  
The Sexual Assault Response Team of Allegheny County (SARTAC)

### WHY YOU SHOULD ENROLL

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) course provides interested nurses with the information and skills to properly care for victims of assault (both physical and sexual) by recognizing, collecting and preserving evidence, interviewing the patient, and linking them to vital community resources for follow-up. All nurses are invited.

This course, taught by experts in the areas of forensic nursing, law enforcement and criminal prosecution, emphasizes victim advocacy and the overall importance of being a member of the interdisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) in the investigative, health care and prosecution processes.

This course serves as the “classroom” portion of the national certification offered through IAFN (International Association of Forensic Nurses). You will learn the theory, research base, and legal rationales for protocols used by SANEs. You will observe simulated forensic interviews, evidence collection and expert witness testimony.

All training is consistent with the standards of practice as defined by the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN).

If you are looking to become certified as a SANE-A through IAFN, please visit their website, [www.iafn.org](http://www.iafn.org) for more information about the national certification requirements examinations and test dates.

### FACULTY

#### Course Facilitator: Kathleen Brown CRNP, PhD

Faculty members are established professionals active in the clinical and judicial settings with expertise in evidence collection and preservation; trial preparation; and supporting the survivors of violent crimes. Faculty members come from a variety of backgrounds such as police departments, District Attorney’s Office, emergency departments, victims advocacy groups and University Schools of Nursing.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION UNIT AWARD

Duquesne University School of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the PA State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Full time attendance at the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training Program (as evidenced by the completion of all modules) will award 55 contact hours. Partial credit will not be awarded for this program.

### REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration fee for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Online Training Program is **\$650.00 (price subject to change)**. This registration fee includes the program, materials, technology fee, CEU recording and certificate of completion.

If an applicant withdraws registration prior to beginning the course, the registration fee(s), less a \$50.00 handling charge, will be refunded. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE FIRST CLASS HAS CONVENED.** We reserve the right to cancel the course due to lack of sufficient enrollment. Notification of a cancellation will be made one week prior to the course. In this case the entire registration fee will be refunded.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information or concerns may be addressed to Alyssa Kramer at (412) 396-5203 or [krameral@duq.edu](mailto:krameral@duq.edu)

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the roles of various health care, law enforcement and criminal prosecution personnel in working with sexual assault victims.
2. Begin to establish credibility as an expert witness in testifying in a sexual assault criminal prosecution simulation.
3. Assess the psychosocial needs of the sexual assault victim and family during the investigative and procedural process.
4. Demonstrate the rationale for the components of a post-assault forensic interview in a role-playing scenario.
5. Describe the role of Emergency Treatment Center personnel in evidence collection and treatment protocols.
6. Describe protocols for the proper collection of evidence from a sexual assault survivor.
7. Demonstrate proper evidence collection from a patient model.
8. Discuss victim advocacy services and crime victim compensation for sexual assault survivors.

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### MODULE 1

- Overview/goals for the sexual assault nurse examiner training
- Overview of the crime (anatomy of a rape)
- Psychology of offenders - typology, motivation, dynamics
- Role of the Nurse Examiner
- History of sexual assault programs
- Multidisciplinary team concept (Sexual Assault Response Team)
- Medical advocacy role
- Community education
- Implications of victimization
- Crime Victim Compensation Program

### MODULE 2

- Sexual assault forensic interview and kit
- Overview: forensic examination/evidence collection
- Collection of evidence - the ER perspective
- Processing the evidence kit
- Forensic photography
- Sex crimes investigation
- Case examples (nurses in court)

### MODULE 3

- Victimization across the lifespan
- Psychiatric and health response to victimization

- Cultural implications in caring for victims of violence
- Medical treatment protocols
- Physical assessment
- Injury assessment
- Forensic documentation

### MODULE 4

- Drug facilitated sexual assault
- Implications of substance abuse for victim and perpetrator
- Special circumstances/special victims/disabilities
- Sexual assault case study
- Pulling assessment skills together
- Male exam

### MODULE 5

- Overview of sexual assault training
- Laws related to rape
- Roles of SANE's in the legal system
- Where do you go from here?
- \*\* Follow-up support to obtain preceptored clinical experience

### VIDEO

"Presenting Medical Evidence in an Adult Rape Trial" from the National Judicial Education Program (NJEP)

## MATERIALS

Upon receipt of payment, the following course textbook and evidence kit will be mailed to you:  
Hazelwood, R.R. & Burgess, A.W. (2008). *Practical Aspects of Rape Investigation: A Multidisciplinary Approach*, (Fourth Edition) Boca Raton: CRC Press/Taylor & Francis Group

Kit PA-AC100 - Pennsylvania Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

**Microsoft Windows XP or later computer system:**

- 500 MHz processor (minimum)
- 128 MB RAM (minimum)
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 SP1 or later
- Windows Media Player 9 or later
- DSL or Cable Broadband Internet connection - 768 Kbps or higher (dial-up connection will not work)



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Over an eight week period, participants will view approximately 40 hours of video plus receive some additional readings. The entire training will be broken down into smaller modules of about 7 or 8 hours of video per week. Participants are required to post comments or questions about that portion in an online discussion board with other students enrolled in the course. A module is released every week with a week or so in between for catch up time. Once the module is released it can be accessed any time, day or night-24/7, and will remain available throughout the entire course so participants can even go back and review certain sections if necessary. There is also an exam that is only released for 24 hours each week in the last three weeks of the course.

### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE COURSE?

The program is scheduled to run approximately 8 weeks but if you feel that you need more or less time we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

### DO I NEED TO COME TO CAMPUS FOR ANY REASON?

The course is entirely online – participants do not need to come to campus for any of it.

### DO YOU HAVE A REQUIRED CLINICAL COMPONENT?

Although, the speculum insertion process is covered as part of the modules, participants will need to get the hands on experience during a preceptored

experience. We do not require a clinical component as part of our course. Our course serves as the “classroom” portion of the national certification offered through IAFN (International Association of Forensic Nurses). Once the course requirements have been completed, participants will only receive a certificate of completion (nursing continuing education).

This course does not certify you as a SANE. Participants who want to become certified as a SANE-A through the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN), need to complete a preceptored experience after completing our course. Please visit the IAFN’s website, [www.iafn.org](http://www.iafn.org), for more information about the national certification requirements, examinations and test dates.

### CAN I RECEIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THIS COURSE?

Yes. Duquesne University School of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the PA State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Professionals from other disciplines are invited to participate but at this time we only offer continuing education for nurses.

### HOW MANY TIMES A YEAR IS THE TRAINING OFFERED?

The online SANE training program is offered three times a year – typically in January, June and September.