Forensic Nursing in Sexual Assault Cases Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Criminology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

Forensic nursing plays a critical role in the medical-legal response to sexual assault cases. This specialized discipline merges the healthcare profession with the judicial system, enabling nurses to collect evidence, document injuries, and support survivors through trauma-informed care. As the global demand for trained forensic nurses increases, this comprehensive training course is tailored to equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and tools required to handle sexual assault cases professionally and sensitively. Training Course on Forensic Nursing in Sexual Assault Cases is designed in accordance with international best practices and national forensic protocols, ensuring its relevance and applicability in real-world settings.

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the core principles of forensic nursing in sexual assault investigations.
2. Learn trauma-informed approaches for interviewing and examining survivors.
3. Acquire legal knowledge regarding consent, documentation, and testimony in court.
4. Apply standardized sexual assault evidence collection protocols (SAECK).
5. Identify types of sexual assault injuries and associated forensic markers.
6. Develop digital documentation and photographic evidence skills.
7. Differentiate between pediatric, adolescent, and adult sexual assault cases.
8. Implement chain of custody procedures for forensic integrity.
9. Address cultural competency in responding to survivors from diverse backgrounds.
10. Collaborate effectively with law enforcement, legal teams, and advocacy services.
11. Learn to handle male and LGBTQIA+ survivor cases with sensitivity.
12. Use simulation labs for hands-on training in forensic nursing techniques.
13. Prepare expert witness testimony and reports for court proceedings.

Target Audiences

1. Registered Nurses (RNs)
2. Nurse Practitioners (NPs)
3. Emergency Room Nurses
4. Legal Nurse Consultants
5. Public Health Professionals
6. Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Members
7. Medical Examiners & Coroners
8. Nursing School Educators and Trainers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Forensic Nursing in Sexual Assault

- Definition and scope
- Role of forensic nurses in sexual assault cases
- Overview of the legal-medical interface
- Historical evolution of forensic nursing
- Current global trends and challenges
- **Case Study:** The first forensic nurse intervention in a rural assault case

Module 2: Victim Psychology and Trauma-Informed Care

- Understanding PTSD and acute stress reactions
- Communicating with survivors
- Building trust and rapport
- Survivor-centered care practices
- Mental health support systems

- **Case Study:** Managing PTSD in a 17-year-old sexual assault survivor

Module 3: Legal Frameworks and Consent

- Laws governing sexual violence
- Medical ethics and informed consent
- Legal responsibilities of nurses
- Confidentiality and reporting obligations
- Documentation for legal admissibility
- **Case Study:** Navigating consent issues with an intoxicated patient

Module 4: Anatomy and Evidence Collection

- Anatomy relevant to forensic exams
- Tools and kits used in evidence collection
- Swabbing and packaging evidence
- Preserving DNA integrity
- Photographing injuries
- **Case Study:** Collecting DNA in a delayed-report case

Module 5: Pediatric and Adolescent Forensic Nursing

- Developmental psychology and trauma
- Pediatric examination protocols
- Mandatory reporting for minors
- Communicating with guardians
- Pediatric-specific forensic kits
- **Case Study:** Assessing abuse in a 6-year-old girl

Module 6: Adult Sexual Assault Examination

- Standard Adult Sexual Assault Protocol (ASAP)
- Consent and physical examination
- Use of sexual assault evidence kits (SAECK)
- Collecting and labeling samples
- Injury pattern recognition
- **Case Study:** Adult examination in a domestic violence context

Module 7: Male and LGBTQIA+ Survivor Care

- Gender-sensitive practices
- Social stigma and underreporting
- Safe examination procedures
- Addressing unique psychological trauma
- Advocacy and support referrals
- **Case Study:** Care for a transgender survivor

Module 8: Chain of Custody and Documentation

- Documentation protocols
- Legal importance of proper records
- Maintaining sample integrity
- Digital logging and timestamps
- Report writing for courts
- **Case Study:** Breakdown in chain of custody impacting trial outcome

Module 9: Digital Forensics and Technology

- Use of digital tools in forensic imaging
- Mobile device data recovery
- Evidence storage and encryption
- Cyber-harassment and online abuse
- Best practices in tech-based evidence
- **Case Study:** Incorporating phone records in a cyber-rape case

Module 10: Forensic Photography

- Legal aspects of clinical photography
- Lighting, angles, and image quality
- Sensitive area imaging protocols
- Digital storage and chain of custody
- Confidentiality and patient dignity
- **Case Study:** Use of forensic images in legal proceedings

Module 11: Testifying in Court

- Role as an expert witness
- Courtroom behavior and attire
- Preparing testimony and evidence
- Answering cross-examination questions
- Handling legal stress
- **Case Study:** Nurse testimony leading to conviction

Module 12: Multidisciplinary Collaboration

- Working with law enforcement
- Engaging social workers and advocates
- Cross-sector communication
- Case coordination meetings
- Community support networks
- **Case Study:** Joint forensic-medical team resolves delayed case

Module 13: Post-Assault Care and Follow-up

- Emergency contraception and STD testing
- Safety planning and counseling referrals
- Follow-up appointments and mental health
- Community support services
- Long-term recovery and care
- **Case Study:** Long-term recovery care plan for assault survivor

Module 14: Cultural Competence in Forensic Nursing

- Cultural beliefs surrounding sexual violence
- Language barriers and interpreters
- Respecting religious values
- Bias mitigation in care
- Ethical dilemmas in cross-cultural contexts
- **Case Study:** Care for an undocumented migrant survivor

Module 15: Simulation and Hands-On Practice

- Mock exams and role play
- Virtual simulations

- Realistic documentation drills
- Evidence kit practice
- Peer and instructor feedback
- **Case Study:** Simulation improves accuracy in court-accepted documentation

Training Methodology

- Interactive online and in-person lectures by forensic nursing experts
- Real-life case study analysis and peer group discussions
- High-fidelity simulation labs for practical skills
- Courtroom testimony preparation workshops
- Digital learning modules and downloadable toolkits
- Assessment through quizzes, assignments, and final evaluation

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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