



PROFESSIONAL
CERTIFICATE

FORENSIC NURSING

*APPLY YOUR
EXPERT
KNOWLEDGE*

Take your nursing career to another level and connect your healthcare knowledge with forensics. Make a difference in the lives of crime victims as you apply your knowledge to each case.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Best practices for collecting forensic evidence
- Ways to communicate with members of a multidisciplinary forensic team
- Basic policies and procedures required for conducting sexual assault exams

Advance your career. Enroll now.

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FORENSIC NURSING

ONLINE PROGRAM

“As a single mom, I am so thankful for the flexibility that UCR Extension offered while completing the Forensic Nursing Professional Certificate program. I was able to complete my tests and assignments at a time that was convenient for me, all the while being challenged daily by the knowledgeable experts in the forensic field.”

— Laura Suess

RN

Valley Children’s Hospital
of Central California
Madera, CA

APPLY THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE CRIME

When you enroll in the UCR Extension Professional Certificate in Forensic Nursing, you’re on your way to making a difference in the lives of victims of crimes. In this program, you’ll be introduced into the forensic aspects of healthcare and public service. These include trauma, acts of violence, mass casualty incidents, sexual assault, and human abuse.

Specialty areas of forensic nursing include the emergency room nurse, sexual assault examiner, crime scene and death investigator, the correctional nurse and psychiatric nurse, to name a few.

Law enforcement and the legal community are realizing the positive impact forensic nurses have on case outcomes. So these healthcare professionals will be called upon more often to apply their expert knowledge of medical science.

Elective units may be earned through traditional or other distance education formats and may be transferred in from an accredited institution. Official transcripts are required. An existing SANE certification may be applied as elective credit.

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN

- How to collect forensic evidence
- How to communicate with the various members of the multidisciplinary forensic team
- Treatment for triage and emergency intervention for patients who exhibit potential forensic issues
- Basic policies and procedures required for conducting sexual assault examinations
- The social and political implications of escalating violence

WHO CAN BENEFIT

- Registered Nurses (RNs), LVN/LPN, SANE-certified, or other licensed healthcare worker

PREREQUISITE

Must be a Registered Nurse, LVN/LPN, or other licensed medical professional.

ADMISSION

Take individual courses or fulfill all of the requirements to earn your certificate. Classes are scheduled year-round with varying start dates, and can be taken in any order. Whichever you choose, you will gain the personal power that comes through learning new skills. Be assured that you are receiving education that is backed by the UC tradition of excellence.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

All courses provide California Board of Registered Nursing continuing education credit. UCR Extension is an accredited provider.

HOW TO EARN THIS CERTIFICATE

Individuals must complete a total of 16 quarter units, with a grade of C or better.

INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE IN
HEALTHCARE SETTINGS 3 UNITS

FORENSIC APPROACHES TO BLUNT FORCE
AND FIREARM INJURIES 2 UNITS

CRIME SCENE PRESERVATION AND DEATH INVESTIGATION
IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS 2 UNITS

OCCUPATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN
FORENSIC NURSING 2 UNITS

FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE
HEALTHCARE SETTING 2 UNITS

SWORN TESTIMONY BY THE
HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST 2 UNITS

FORENSIC APPROACHES TO MENTAL HEALTH
AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 1 UNIT

2 UNITS OF ELECTIVES (SEE WEBSITE)

- This program can typically be completed in 9-18 months.
- This program may be completed entirely online.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prices, requirements and courses are subject to change.

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