



# **Sexual Assault** **Forensic/Nurse Examiner** **Training** **FAQs**

### ***Who is eligible to take this training?***

- Licensed RN, NP, PA, or MD with at least one year of clinical experience
- This training is for those specifically interested in joining a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Team!

### ***What are the dates of the training?***

- On-line Training: May 1 – June 14, 2017
- Video Conferences: May 1 (10-11am); May 15, May 29 & June 12 (1-2pm)
- Classroom Training: June 15, 16, 22 & 23, 8am-4pm (location TBA)
- Clinical Preceptorship: through August

### ***What is the cost of the training?***

The total cost of the training is \$730.

- \$350 for IAFN (International Association of Forensic Nurses) 41-hour Online Adolescent / Adult Training Program
- \$130 for IAFN membership (This allows *nurses* to take the course at the discounted rate)
- \$250 to cover **mandatory** on-site training days

### ***When are the fees due?***

- \$480 is due to the IAFN at the time of registration for the online course.
- The remaining \$250 is due to Crisis Services before the on-site training days.

### ***What does the full training process look like?***

This comprehensive training offers instruction on how to care for and collect evidence from an adolescent or adult who has been sexually assaulted ...

- Complete the course application.
- Interview with the SAFE Program Coordinator.
- Once accepted into the program, register and complete the online course.
- Attend the scheduled video conferences.
- Complete the on-site classroom and clinical training days. The focus is on local procedures and clinical instruction. It also includes an introduction to speculum exams and a chance to complete 2-3 evidence collection exams. Live models will be used for both.
- Practice and prove competency in speculum exams and evidence collection.
  - ✓ Work with a local GYN provider of your choice to gain experience performing speculum exams.
  - ✓ Shadow senior SANEs during real SA cases. The Program Coordinator, in consultation with the SANEs, will decide when SANE candidate is ready to take on cases independently and join the on-call calendar.

**THE ENTIRE PROCESS CAN TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS**

***Who is present for the interview?***

The Coordinator of the SAFE Program. An experienced SANE from the team may also be present.

***What must I bring to the interview?***

A copy of your resume/CV and current nursing license.

***Where will the on-site training days be held?***

TBA

***Do I need to attend all video conferences and classroom training days?***

Yes. All training is mandatory.

***What topics will the online and local trainings cover?***

- Sexual assault and its dynamics, special populations and cultural concerns
- SANE scope and standards of practice, regulatory issues
- Response to trauma
- Medical-forensic history and physical
- Physical injury and common findings
- Evidence collection
- Documentation
- Risk evaluation and prophylaxis for STDs including HIV, pregnancy
- Follow-up care
- Collaboration with law enforcement, advocates, forensic labs, and DA's Office

***Do I receive contact hours for this training?***

You receive 41 contact hours for the completion of the online training, and a certificate of attendance for the onsite portion.

***What are my obligations as a SANE? What is the compensation?***

SANE activities and compensation will be discussed during the interview.

***Once I've completed the training and competency requirements, what happens?***

- You will be able to immediately take SA cases as a member of Crisis Services' SAFE Team
- You will be eligible to become a NYS DOH-certified SAFE
  - ✓ The SAFE Program Coordinator completes the competency rubric, which, in conjunction with the certification application, is submitted to NYS DOH.



***For more information, an application, or scheduling an interview:***

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