PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN
FORENSIC NURSING
ONLINE PROGRAM
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 review, analyze and interpret medical records and related medical documents and prepare reports succinctly summarizing that information
- How to act as a consultant on healthcare issues to attorneys in diverse legal settings
- Methods for identifying standard of care issues and relationship to claimed injuries and damages
- Ways to develop and build a practice as an independent consultant and nursing expert witness

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.

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY

To earn your certificate, you must establish your candidacy by filing an application. We recommend you do this before the third class. Apply in person at UCR Extension Student Services, or online through the “apply now” button on the certificate webpage.

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 SETTING 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. For the most up-to-date information:
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“...The forensic science shows on TV don’t do justice to this fascinating and thought-provoking field. Be prepared to expand your mind, regardless of how many years of experience in nursing you have.”
— Rachel Clements, RN, Staff Nurse, Franklin House/Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center