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 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 WILL BENEFIT
Participants must be one of the following or have the consent of UCR Extension program coordinator:
• Registered nurse (RNs)
• Licensed vocational nurse or equivalent
• Nurse practitioner
• SANE certified nurse

ADMISSION
Take individual courses or fulfill all of the requirements to earn your UCR Extension Professional Certificate. Classes are scheduled yearround 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 a UCR Extension Professional 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 office 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 COMPLETE THE PROGRAM:
Complete 14 units of required courses and 2 units of electives (grade C or better) – 16 units total.

INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS 3 UNITS
FORENSIC APPROACHES TO BLUNT FORCE AND FIREARM INJURIES 2 UNITS
FORENSIC APPROACHES TO HUMAN ABUSE INJURIES 2 UNITS
CRIME SCENE PRESERVATION AND DEATH INVESTIGATION IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS 1 UNIT
FORENSIC APPROACHES TO OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE 2 UNITS
COURTROOM TESTIMONY BY THE HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST 1 UNIT
FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE HEALTHCARE SETTING 1 UNIT
FORENSIC APPROACHES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 1 UNIT
FORENSIC APPROACHES TO MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT 1 UNIT
2 UNITS OF ELECTIVES (SEE WEB SITE)

• Usual completion time is 9-18 months.
• Approximate cost is $4,200.

PROGRAM INFORMATION
Prices, requirements and courses are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information:
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