BCIT Forensic Health – Forensic Nurse Examiner Education Courses

Courses Credits (6.0 credits) The following two 3-credit courses complete the requirements for education for the role of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE). **FSCT 7810 - Introduction to Forensic Health Sciences** Forensic health care and the application of forensic medical expertise is emerging as a new specialty in both health care and in investigative professions where medical and legal issues overlap. This course provides an overview of the various components of forensic health sciences. Although the material focuses on the role of the forensic nurse, the content will be of benefit to all health care and allied health professionals, law enforcement and investigative personnel whose work intersects with aspects of the healthcare system or where forensic medical expertise can assist in the investigative process. Through an introduction to forensic health sciences, the role of the health care or allied health professional will be explored by bridging medical and legal components. The course will present the evolution of forensic nursing and explore the various roles and responsibilities of the forensic nurse in a variety of healthcare and non-traditional settings. The course will also explore the gap between the medical and forensic medical information and law enforcement/investigative agencies and the criminal justice system in both criminal and non-criminal incidents requiring investigation. This course will provide the framework for bridging this gap and students will uncover the potential to apply forensic health science expertise in variety of settings and multidisciplinary environments. Prerequisite: None. This is a 3 credit, 45 contact hour course consisting of 8 weekly modules. **Delivery Format:** Distance / Online. Technical Requirements: Access to computer and internet. This course provides an introduction to forensic health sciences and the role of forensic nursing and is the prerequisite for the Forensic Nurses Examiner Course (FSCT 7840). This course is delivered 100% online, asynchronous. No attendance required. For full description and to register, please visit the course web page. For more information, please contact Colin Harris. **Introduction to Forensic Health Sciences** 3.0 **FSCT 7810** course outline

FSCT 7840 - Forensic Nurse Examiner Core Education: Theoretical Aspects

This course provides the forensic knowledge and skills for forensic health assessments, evidence collection, chainof-custody, medicolegal documentation and evaluation of victims of sexual violence (adult and adolescent). The course prepares registered nurses for the role of a forensic nurse examiner within forensic nursing programs. Instructors are industry experts from within healthcare, law enforcement, criminal justice and forensic sciences. Course content meets the standards of practice for sexual assault nurse examiners by the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Prerequisite: FSCT 7810. This is a 3 credit, 45 contact hour course delivered over a 2-3 week period.

Delivery Format: Online, Live interactive video conferencing.

Technical Requirements: Access to computer, internet and audio and video capabilities (webcam).

This nursing continuing professional development activity was approved by the International Association of Forensic Nurses, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. IAFN Approval: AU05042020.BCITA

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