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The Shift Report July 2024



CNSA 2024 Convention

November 22 - 24 Santa Clara, CA

Convention Sneak Preview!

We are thrilled to have RaDonda Vaught speak on Criminalizing Errors at Convention this year!

Watch for registration to open mid July!

If you haven't attended a CNSA Convention yet, attendees can expect trainings, educational sessions, networking opportunities, and a lot of FUN!



We hope you are making plans to attend the CNSA 2024 Annual Convention! Session highlights include:

- Keynote: Taofiki Gafar-Schaner & Joey Ferry with Frontier Innovations
- Criminalizing Errors with RaDonda Vaught
- Professional Identity in Nursing
- NCLEX Review
- EKG Review
- Pharmacology Review
- and more to be announced soon!

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Forensic nursing is a specialized field that blends the disciplines of nursing and criminal justice. It's a role that requires both medical expertise and a keen understanding of legal processes. Forensic nurses provide specialized care to victims of violence and trauma, while collecting evidence that can be crucial in

solving crimes. It is a unique career choice that demands a combination of specialized medical knowledge, strong interpersonal skills, and a deep commitment to justice and compassion. This dynamic field offers the opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of victims of violence and crime.

One of the primary responsibilities of a forensic nurse is to perform thorough and compassionate assessments of patients who have experienced trauma. These assessments not only focus on the physical injuries but also take into account the psychological and emotional well-being of the patient.

Some of the personal skills needed in this field are:

- 1. Empathy and Compassion: To help patients feel safe and supported during forensic examinations.
- 2. Attention to Detail: In documenting injuries and collecting forensic evidence. This can include taking photographs, and collecting swabs for DNA analysis. In addition meticulously record findings and handle evidence according to legal standards to ensure its admissibility in court.
- 3. Critical Thinking: In assessing injuries, interpret findings, and making informed decisions about patient care and evidence collection.
- 4. Communication: In collaboration with law enforcement, attorneys, and other healthcare professionals. Also in conveying medical findings and providing expert testimony. The ability to communicate effectively and provide clear, concise documentation is essential.
- 5. Professionalism and Ethics: Forensic nurses must navigate sensitive situations with integrity and respect for patient confidentiality.

Most forensic nurses start by obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, although some pursue an Associate's degree in Nursing (ADN) and later complete a BSN program. Advanced practice roles, such as Forensic Nurse Practitioner, often require a Master's degree in Nursing (MSN) with a specialization in forensic nursing. By completing a two-year master's degree program in forensic nursing, you can learn many of the skills and techniques that are specific to the profession. Courses such as, evidence collection, forensic photography, and the legal aspects of healthcare.

Many forensic nurses get certification through organizations such as the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), which offer credentials like Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or Advanced Forensic Nurse.

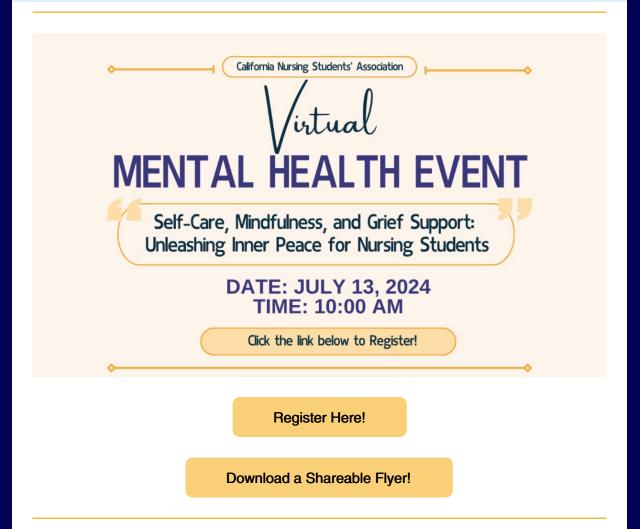
They work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, community health centers, forensic laboratories, and law enforcement agencies. Some may choose to specialize further in areas such as pediatric forensic nursing or forensic psychiatric nursing. But beyond their roles in acute care settings, forensic nurses also contribute to community education and prevention efforts. They may participate in outreach programs, teaching healthcare providers, law enforcement personnel, and the public about recognizing signs of abuse, proper evidence handling, and resources available to victims.

The average salary for this profession is about \$80,000 and although this isn't as high as other professions that we have discussed, the field of forensic nursing offers a challenging yet highly rewarding and personal fulfilling career path for those who are passionate about both healthcare and justice.

As forensic nursing continues to evolve, so too does the demand for skilled professionals in this field. With their unique blend of medical expertise and forensic

knowledge, forensic nurses are indispensable in the pursuit of justice and the care of vulnerable individuals affected by violence.

Choosing a career as a forensic nurse requires dedication, specialized education, and a passion for advocating for victims. It's a profession that offers opportunities to make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals. For those drawn to both nursing and forensic science, forensic nursing presents a rewarding and impactful career path.





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