

MEDICAL TRAINING ACADEMY: Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Course

Course Syllabus



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Course Length: 46.35 hours required content

Delivery: Self-Paced Online Course

Course Dates:

Summer 2020: July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020

Fall 2020: October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

Winter 2021: January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

Spring 2021: April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Summer 2021: July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Fall 2021: October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Winter 2022: January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

Spring 2022: April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

Course Description

According to the [National Children's Alliance Standards for Accreditation](#), "[a] medical evaluation holds an important place in the multidisciplinary assessment of child abuse. An accurate history is essential in making the medical diagnosis and determining appropriate treatment of child abuse." Furthermore, proper medical evaluations provide important information to support legal decisions in child abuse cases.

Medical Training Academy: Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner is an interactive, self-paced set of online lessons designed to help the PSANE correctly identify child sexual abuse as well as child physical abuse injuries. This course focuses on the holistic treatment of the child, building on the strengths of foundational nursing education to enable the PSANE to obtain and document a patient history and physical examination, to recognize and document child abuse injuries, and to implement a treatment and discharge plan incorporating nursing diagnosis. Interactive lessons and case studies build the essential skills and knowledge that PSANE providers will need to confidently navigate real world situations. Course lessons and specific topics are outlined below.

Learning Outcome:

RNs who are trained as SANEs will provide comprehensive sexual assault exams to patients who have experienced sexual violence.

Course Format

The course is comprised of 21 lessons including three in-depth case studies that allow participants to apply what they have learned during the course. It is designed as a self-paced course; however, students must complete the course by the end of their course session, as indicated by the course dates listed at the beginning of the syllabus.

This course will be delivered entirely online through the Midwest Regional CAC's eLearning Portal. In the eLearning Portal, students have access to all course materials and resources. Lessons include interactive videos, required readings, and Knowledge Check quizzes. There are a number of optional readings included as well. Students will assess their knowledge prior to the start of the course and upon completion. Furthermore, all lessons must be viewed in their entirety (both interactive lessons and required readings) before taking Knowledge Check quizzes. Students must score 80% on each course lesson Knowledge Check before they can move to the next lesson. To receive a Certificate of Attendance and ANCC credit, students must also score an 80% on course post-test and complete the course evaluation.

Each student is permitted to take the post-test a total of three times. If after the second attempt you do not receive a passing score, you can contact Kim Martinez, Program Manager of the Medical Academy, to review your tests prior to your third attempt. She can be reached at kim.martinez@childrensmn.org or 952-992-5278. **If you are not able to pass the post-test after three attempts, you will need to contact Kim Martinez to re-register and pay for the course to retake it.**

eLearning Portal Access

To access the course on the eLearning Portal, you will need a supported Web browser (Internet Explorer 10 or higher, Chrome, Firefox, Safari) with Flash enabled and the ability to download PDF files. Consult with your employer to verify whether your workstation meets these requirements prior to enrolling.

Students will receive instructions on how to access and use the Midwest Regional CAC eLearning portal following confirmation of registration and payment, and additional technical assistance will be posted within the course. All required readings are provided to you within the individual course lessons. Optional readings are contained within the course modules. These readings can be downloaded and printed. We strongly encourage you to download and save any course materials you want to reference in the future. **You will not have access to course materials once you complete the course.**

No refunds can be granted once you begin the course.

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Any students with disabilities or other special needs who need special accommodations in this course are invited to share these concerns or requests with the course coordinator. Please contact Midwest Regional CAC at kim.martinez@childrensmn.org as soon as possible after registering for the course.

Continuing Education and Endorsement

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the International Association of Forensic Nurses, an accredited approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This activity has been approved through June 2022 for 46.35 contact hours.

Course Endorsements: This material has been reviewed and is endorsed by Joyce Adams, MD Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, Adolescent Medicine and Child Abuse Pediatrics.

This course has also been endorsed by the National Children's Alliance (NCA) and meets the required training and eligibility standards for medical provider didactic training.



This course has been approved by the International Association of Forensic Nurses through June 30, 2022.

Disclosure Announcement:

The planners, presenters, and content reviewers of this course, Medical Training Academy Adolescent/Pediatric SANE Training, disclose no conflicts of interest. Upon completion of the course in its entirety and completing the course evaluation, you will receive a certificate that documents the continuing nursing education contact hours (46.35) for this activity. The International Association of Forensic Nurses is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Lesson Overview

| MODULE 1 | Lesson | Title | Learning Topics | Length |
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| | Intro | Introduction and Overview Pre-Test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview Pre-Test | 30 minutes |
| | 1a | Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Types of Maltreatment Vulnerable Populations Overview Risk Factors Exposure to Violence Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) | 166 minutes |
| | 1b | Vulnerable Populations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Indian/Alaska Native Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Intersex and Queer (LGBTQI) Individuals with Disabilities Boys/Men Children with Mental Health Issues Commercial Sexual Exploitation Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) | 170 minutes |
| | 2 | Role of the Medical Provider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of Child Abuse Pediatrician Role of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Role of SAFE Providers Overview/ History of Forensic Nursing Guiding Principles of Care National Children’s Alliance Medical Standard Mandated Reporter Vicarious Trauma | 200 minutes |
| | 3 | Role of the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MDT Models MDT Members Role of Medical Provider on the MDT | 122 minutes |

| MODULE 1 continued | | | |
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| Lesson | Title | Learning Topics | Length |
| 4 | Growth and Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Growth and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infancy: Birth to 12 Months ○ Early Childhood: 1-6 Years ○ Middle Childhood: 6-12 Years • Normal Child and Adolescent Sexual Patterns and Behaviors • Acquisition of Personal and Social Skills and Behaviors • Things to Keep in Mind for Medical Evaluation | 70 minutes |
| 5 | Normal Anogenital Anatomy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Anogenital Anatomy for Male and Female • Review of Normal Anogenital Findings • Review of Findings That Are Caused by Medical Conditions Other Than Trauma • Review of Conditions Mistaken for Abuse • Documentation of Anogenital Anatomy • Medical Evaluations: Why and When | 120 minutes |
| 6 | Medical History Taking and Documentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Components of Medical History Taking • Dos and Don'ts of Questioning • Rapport Building • Medical Information Gathering • Documenting the Medical History • Dos and Don'ts of Written Documentation • Medical History Versus Forensic Interview • Disclosure Process • Suicide Risk Assessment • Potential Psychosocial Ramifications • Potential Negative Consequences | 200 minutes |
| 7 | The Medical Evaluation and Photodocumentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of Physical Examination • When a Medical Evaluation Should Be Made Available • Medical Exam Key Points • Normal to be Normal • Key Elements of Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Physical and Sexual Abuse Exam | 285 minutes |

| | Lesson | Title | Learning Topics | Length |
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| MODULE 1 continued | 7 Cont. | The Medical Evaluation and Photodocumentation continued | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury Documentation • Exam Techniques • Consent and Confidentiality • Photodocumentation • Recording and Storage of Images • Photodocumentation Equipment • Photography Tips | |
| | 8 | Case Study #1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study Utilizing Concepts Learned in Lessons 1-7 | 90 minutes |
| MODULE 2 | 9 | Abnormal Anogenital Findings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and Adolescent Oral Anatomy • Findings with no expert consensus as to significance with respect to abuse/trauma • Findings suggestive/indicative of trauma • Examples of STI findings • Oral Injuries • Female Genital Mutilation | 170 minutes |
| | 10 | Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Factors for STIs • Testing for STIs • Types of STIs (Neisseria gonorrhoea, Chlamydia trachomatis, Trichomoniasis vaginalis, Bacterial Vaginosis, Syphilis, Hepatitis B, Herpes Simplex Virus, HPV, HIV) • Additional STI Treatment Approaches and Pregnancy Testing and Emergency Contraception • Educating Patients About Testing and Treatment | 213 minutes |
| | 11 | Forensic Evidence Collection and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining Consent • Identifying, Collecting and Preserving Biologic and Other Evidence • Forensic Evidence Collection Kit • Modification of exam in certain cases • Types of Evidence • Types of Body Fluids • Evidence: Clinical Considerations • Legal Issues • Approaches to Evidence Collection | 165 minutes |

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| MODULE 2 continued | 11 Cont. | Forensic Evidence Collection and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) continued | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence Integrity Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Toxicology Screening/Testing Suspect Forensic Exam | |
| | 12 | Discharge Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individualized Discharge Planning Mental Health Concerns Referrals Resource Planning and Compensation Options | 60 minutes |
| | 13 | Case Study #2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Study Utilizing Concepts Learned in Lessons 9-12 | 75 minutes |
| MODULE 3 | 14 | Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mechanism of Injury Intracranial Hemorrhages Differential Diagnosis Retinal Hemorrhages Consequences of Shaking Alternate AHT Theories Medical History and Work-Up Prevention Interventions | optional |
| | 15 | Cutaneous Injuries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Types of Cutaneous Injuries Identifying Abuse Injuries (child's age, pattern, body region, ambulatory status) Differential Diagnosis of Bruising Coagulation Disorders Strangulation Injuries Myths and Misconceptions Subgaleal Hematomas Bites Burn Types and Mechanism of Injury Dermatologic Conditions Folk Therapies Role of Medical Provider | 246 minutes |

| MODULE 3 continued | Lesson | Title | Learning Topics | Length |
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| | 16 | Abdominal Trauma | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facts about Abdominal Trauma Abdominal Trauma Presentation Presenting Signs and Symptoms Indicators of Abdominal Trauma | optional |
| | 17 | Skeletal Injuries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skeletal Injury Overview Fracture Categories Fracture Types and Mechanism Differential Diagnosis/Alternative Theories Skeletal Survey | optional |
| | 18 | Failure to Thrive (FTT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neglect Neglect Intervention Strategies Failure to Thrive FTT History, Assessment and Observation Points FTT Diagnostic Considerations and Etiologies MDT Approach to FTT FTT Findings | Optional |
| | 19 | Case Study #3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Study Utilizing Concepts Learned in Lessons 14-18 | optional |
| | 20a | Court Preparation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testimony Judicial Proceedings Court Medical Records, Consent and Record Retention Preparing for Court Tips for Testifying and Surviving the Courtroom Video Examples of Court and Testifying | 213 minutes |
| | 20b | Court Testimony | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video Examples of Court and Testifying, Continued | 126 minutes |
| | 21 | Continuing Quality Improvement (CQI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CQI Peer Review | 30 minutes |
| | Close | Final Instructions, Post-Test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-Test Course Evaluation Certificate of Attendance | 30 minutes |

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