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Her areas of interest include chronic mental illness, child maltreatment, sexual assault and substance abuse. Sue is currently, along with Dr. Jen Markowitz, co-teaching the second cohort in the Advanced

Practice Forensic Nursing certificate program. She is a student in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program, as well as a student in the forensic certificate's first cohort.

Working in psychiatry has provided her experience in forensics by supporting victims of violent crime through the healing process. Working with patients on probation and parole gives her the opportunity to assess how criminal behavior affects individuals, families and communities.

Sue has long been involved in supervision in Pessio-Boyden psychomotor work to assist others in resolving trauma, so that lifelong healing can take place.



The second cohort in the APFN certificate program gathers for a seminar day.

The *New* Illinois Chapter of the IAFN

The APFN certificate program has been very involved with the development of the new Illinois Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Acknowledging the need for the local chapter, the APFN program hosted a meeting to gauge interest in a potential chapter in August at the UIC College of Nursing. There was a great turnout from nurses across the state, and the group decided in favor of starting the Illinois Chapter of the IAFN. The following officers were elected:

President-
Patty Metzler, RN,
SANE-A, SANE-P
Carle Foundation
Hospital, Urbana
President Elect-
Julie Garner-Teno, RN, SANE-A
Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville
Secretary-
Jennifer Baxter, RN
UIC College of Nursing, Chicago
Treasurer-
Alissa Thorne, RN, SANE-A
McDonough District Hospital,
Macomb



For more information on the local chapter, contact the APFN program.

Spotlight: Chicago Children's Advocacy Center

The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC) is located at 1240 S. Damen Ave., just blocks away from the UIC College of Nursing. The mission of the Center is "to eliminate the suffering of abused children in Chicago."

The CCAC was opened in 2001 based on the work of a multidisciplinary task force of child care professionals. Four key agencies are represented under one roof at the CCAC in order to streamline the process that abused children face and to provide better service to those children. Those agencies are: the Chicago Police Department, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.



Over the last year, representatives of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center have been very involved with the APFN certificate program. Last June, the CCAC and APFN collaborated by offering a multidisciplinary-geared course titled "Assessment of Child Physical and Sexual Abuse: A Specialized Training for Medical Professionals." The daylong course was well attended by nurses from various hospitals and organizations in the Chicago area, in addition to physicians, social workers, and law enforcement personnel. Lecture subjects included head trauma, bruises and cutaneous lesions, child sexual abuse, and burns and fractures. The CCAC also presented one of the two APFN grand rounds this fall (see next page).

The APFN certificate program is happy also to have the CCAC represented on its advisory board.



Student Corner Dorothy Kozakowski, RN



I recently began working on my master's degree at UIC and am enrolled in the Mental Health NP Program. In 2002, I graduated from Northeastern Illinois with a BA from their Board of

Governors Program. I then received my Associate's Degree in Nursing from William Rainey Harper College. I am very excited to be returning to school to expand my knowledge base and career opportunities.

I currently work at Northwest Community Hospital in the Adolescent Chemical Dependency Unit. I have been there for the past two years, and I love my job. It is amazing to see the progress the kids can make when they are dedicated to their recovery. I am also fortunate enough to have a Graduate Assistant position at the college. I feel so blessed to have this position because it allows me to stay in school and offset the cost of tuition.

I am thrilled to be in the Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing certificate program. My interest in the program was initially sparked by Melissa Hernandez, who gave me information on the certificate. When I heard Sue Painter talk about the program at the new student orientation, she inspired me to enroll in the program immediately. I have always enjoyed nursing, but it was not until the Forensic certificate program that I felt so passionately about where I wanted to focus my career. I plan to work with sexual assault victims, and the Forensic program will give me a strong foundation to do this. The APFN certificate program covers a broad range of topics that can be applied to all areas of nursing. I strongly encourage everyone to learn more about the program.



My interest in women's health has brought me to this specialty of forensic nursing. The advanced practice forensic certification courses have been amazing, allowing a great foundation for future practice. I have been at the UIC College of Nursing for the past two years in the dual Women's Health NP and Certified Nurse Midwifery program, anticipating graduation in spring 2010. My interests are specifically related to domestic/intimate partner violence and sexual assault. I recently became a sexual assault nurse examiner and hope to develop a program at Little Company of Mary Hospital, where I am employed in labor and delivery. I am particularly interested in domestic violence in pregnancy. It is unimaginable that homicide is the leading cause of death for pregnant women.

I recently attended a program sponsored by the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) at the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC) that focused on developing programs in Cook County for sexual assault victims. Cook County has been identified as an area severely in need of sexual assault services. I look forward to participating in these new programs as they are developed. I do believe the day is coming where all hospitals will need a forensic nurse on staff, as violent crimes continue to be a serious health care issue.

International Association of Forensic Nursing- 16th Annual Scientific Assembly

The 16th Annual Scientific Assembly of the International Association of Forensic Nurses was held in Dallas, TX in September 2008. Seven members of the UIC College of Nursing Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing certificate program were in attendance.

Dr. Barbara Simmons, the program director, presented her poster on the development of the Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing certificate program at UIC, highlighting the uniqueness of the program.

The APFN certificate program is already looking forward to attending next year's assembly in Atlanta, GA.



Dr. Barbara Simmons presents a poster at the IAFN 16th Annual Scientific Assembly.

Forensic Grand Rounds Recap

This fall, the APFN certificate program sponsored two grand rounds.

Michele Lorand, MD, Chair, Division of Child Protective Services, Department of Pediatrics, Stroger Hospital of Cook County, and **Diane Siegel, MS**, Professional Outreach Manager, Chicago Advocacy Center, presented *Medical Assessment of Child Abuse for the Health Professional*.



Diane Siegel presents during an APFN Grand Rounds.

Sharon A. Anderson, RN, BSN, Elected Coroner, Office of the County Coroner, Rock Island, IL, presented *Coroner: Non-traditional Role for Nurses in Illinois*.

Please look for the Spring Grand Rounds schedule on our Web site in January 2009.

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Community Initiatives

Elder Abuse Prevention

The APFN certificate program has been involved with representing health care in initiatives by the Illinois Center for Violence Prevention.

**Illinois Coalition
Against Sexual Assault**
APFN faculty and students present and attend a symposium on an initiative to develop a regional SANE center in Cook County.

Interdisciplinary Center for Research on Violence

Find out what is going on at UIC to prevent violence and how the APFN certificate program is involved.

SAVE THE DATE:
**Illinois Center for
Violence Prevention
Annual Conference at
UIC– APRIL 2, 2009**

SANE Course Summary

The Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing certificate program coordinated and hosted a 5-day Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) course in August 2008. The overwhelming interest in participation and the need for a registration wait list were indicators of the need and desire for such courses in Illinois.

Forty-seven registered nurses and advanced practice nurses from across the state of Illinois (and even two nurses from Nebraska) completed the 40-hour didactic training.



The course coordinator was Julie Garner-Teno, formerly the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Coordinator for the State of Illinois. Other presenters included Jen Markowitz (consultant and lead faculty of the APFN certificate program) and representatives from the Illinois Center Against Sexual Assault, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, and the Cook County State's Attorney Office.

One participant said the course "allowed me to begin with a career I have wanted to do for many years." Another said "the educational information provided was valuable to my practice and to me."

In addition to completing this course, participants still have to complete a clinical component prior to taking the SANE-A certification exam, which is offered by the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Advanced Practice Forensic Nurse Certificate Program

UIC COLLEGE OF
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT CHICAGO NURSING

The goal of this online certificate program is to educate and prepare advanced practice nurses to assist victims of violent crime across the lifespan



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