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Advanced Practice Forensic Nurse (APFN) Certificate Program

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About the Program

The Advanced Practice Forensic Nurse Certificate Program was developed to educate and prepare advanced practice nurses to assist victims of all ages and help their families deal with the physical, psychological, and legal implications of violent crimes in urban, rural, and medically underserved areas. The program is highly individualized and clinically focused in order to give students the knowledge and skills necessary to provide hands-on, comprehensive, culturally appropriate, evidence-based, and coordinated care to individuals, families, and groups. The program also prepares students to educate individuals on violence prevention.

This online program consists of four courses (three semester hours each), which can be completed in four semesters of part-time study.

Admission Requirements

The following criteria must be met for admission*:

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum GPA of 2.75/4.00 on last 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of the first baccalaureate degree
- License to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction
- Basic computer skills (No student will be admitted who is not proficient in the following: e-mail, attachments, word processing, cutting and pasting, search engines, and Web resources)

*Upon admission, the student will be required to meet certain requirements pertaining to background checks, immunizations, and drug testing. Please see the **Clinical Compliance** Web page for more information.

Additional Requirements

- Computer and Internet access.
- Some courses may include face-to-face sessions at Chicago campus.

Upon completion of the program, students will receive a certificate from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Program Requirements

Completion of Three Online Courses

In order to receive the Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing Certificate, students must complete the following courses:

APFN Certificate Requirements		
Course #	Course Title and Description	Hours
NUEL 536	Forensic Nursing Science Focuses on the background, development, and theoretical foundations of forensic nursing	3
NUEL 537	Forensic Health Care Documentation and Evidence Collection Focuses on the integration of the criminal justice, social service, and legal systems into the nursing care of people affected by violence. <i>Prerequisite(s): NUEL 536.</i>	3
NUEL 538	Forensic Health Care for Vulnerable Populations Focuses on the specific needs of vulnerable populations as victims of violence. <i>Prerequisite(s): NUEL 537.</i>	3
NUEL 539	Forensic Practicum Completion of a practicum in a specialty-practice area focusing on victims, families, and alleged perpetrators. Provides an opportunity to apply knowledge and skills with a selected population of interest in a forensic setting. <i>Prerequisite(s): NUEL 537 and consent of the instructor.</i>	3
Total		12

The courses can be taken in any sequence. No transfer credit will be accepted toward the certificate.

How to Apply

To apply to the Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing Certificate program, please visit our Web site below and click on the **How To Apply** link to begin your application.

Forensic Web site: http://www.uic.edu/nursing/forensics/apfn_apply.shtml

Students who apply to the APFN Certificate program are charged e-tuition as it is a fully online program. The current e-tuition rate is \$725 per credit hour.

Applications and supporting materials must be complete and postmarked by **November 15 for spring** and **July 15 for fall**.

Prospective Graduate Students

If you are interested in the Advanced Practice Forensic Certificate and do not have a graduate degree in nursing, you may want to consider applying to one of the College of Nursing graduate programs. The college offers graduate degree programs leading to a Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, or Doctor of Philosophy in nursing. For information on admissions requirements and application deadlines, please visit the **Prospective Students** section of the College of Nursing Web site at uic.edu/nursing. The college offers the following advanced practice specialties:

Acute Care NP	Occupational Health/
Administrative Studies in Nursing	Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist
Adult/Geriatric NP	Occupational Health/ Family NP
Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist	Pediatric NP
Executive Nursing Leadership	Perinatal CNS
Family NP	School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist
Mental Health CNS and NP	School/Family NP
Nurse Midwifery	Women's Health NP or Dual WHNP/NMWW

Contact Us

For more information about the Advanced Practice Forensic Nursing Certificate or our graduate programs, please contact us via e-mail at con@uic.edu.

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