



Faculty Research & Creative Activity Seminar

Alaska Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy Update

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ABSTRACT: Interpersonal violence impacts everyone, yet comprehensive healthcare services for victims of violence are limited primarily to “siloes” responses by sexual assault, domestic violence, or child abuse programs. These responses limit the ability of victims who do not “meet program requirements” from receiving a medical forensic examination (MFE) under the auspices of a standardized program, such as SART. Limits including time from the event, lack of trained SAFE/SANE, lack of services for elders, and inability to recognize victimization in various health care settings, are also challenges that face victims from receiving evaluation, investigation, prosecution, and ultimately, justice. Recognition of the gaps in training for health care professionals (RN, NP, PA, MD) led to the development of generalist forensic medical training utilizing a hybrid educational model incorporating online modules with a three-day in-person course totaling approximately 50 hours. Imagine a nurse or other provider, comfortable and confident in responding to victims of strangulation, elder abuse, and assault, beyond the standardized, established SART or child abuse response team process. Imagine healthcare providers able to provide medical forensic care when a specialist is not available regardless of setting (office, ER, hospital) or specialty availability. There are increasing numbers of programs that respond to diverse victim populations, however, there are no programs specific for generalist training. This program has the potential to improve response to victims of violence in rural (and urban) communities who may not be able to support (financially or logistically) specialized teams.

BIO: **Angelia Trujillo, DNP, MSN, WHNP-BC, AFN-DF** is an Associate Professor with the University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Nursing. Dr. Trujillo has worked in the field of interpersonal violence, sexual assault and public health since 2002. Angelia obtained her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with a focus on Forensic Nursing in 2008 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis and also holds a Master’s of Science –Advanced Community Health Nursing from the University of Alaska Anchorage and a Master’s of Science Nursing as a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner from Frontier Nursing University. Dr. Trujillo has served as a forensic nurse examiner for Alaska CARES (2009-2016) – the Anchorage based child advocacy center working with children who have been physically and sexually abused and also as a program manager and forensic nurse for the Anchorage SART team (2002-2007). In addition, Dr. Trujillo is a founding Board Member for the Academy of Forensic Nursing, has presented at the local, state and national level on issues of interpersonal violence and public health, is the principle developer of Alaska Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy and is a manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Forensic Nursing.

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