FORS - FORENSIC HEALTHCARE

FORS 601 Foundations of Forensic Healthcare
Credits 2. 2 Lecture Hours.
Legal, ethical, clinical and advocacy responsibilities of responders and providers; forensic medical terminology; mechanisms of injury and death; identification of intentional and non-intentional wounds; scientific and medico-legal investigation of suspicious injury and death; introduction to written and photographic documentation of findings; judicial system overview.
Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

FORS 602/NURS 602 Victimology: Clinical Implications and Applications
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Comprehensive examination of human responses to victimization resulting in physical and psychological trauma; interpersonal violence as a public health issue; overview of intentional injury, neglect, abuse and exploitation throughout the lifespan; process of seeking justice for victims; characteristics and motivational issues related to perpetrators of violence; transitioning patterns from role of victim to survivor including secondary effects of victimization; theoretical and evidence-based approaches to assessment; documentation of victims and perpetrators of violence.
Prerequisite: Graduate classification.
Cross Listing: NURS 602/FORS 602.

FORS 603/NURS 603 Justice Today, Prevention Tomorrow
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
In-depth analysis of the role of the trauma specialist within the criminal and civil court system; critical collaboration between representatives of the healthcare system, investigative systems and the legal system in seeking justice for victims of violence; investigative processes involving trauma, injury and death; methods of evidence collection and preservation in the trauma/emergency department and other settings; public health perspective of interpersonal violence and prevention; social-ecological model of primary prevention; factors placing individuals at risk for violence; batterer/anti-bullying intervention programs.
Prerequisites: Graduate classification; FORS 601 and FORS 602/NURS 602.
Cross Listing: NURS 603/NURS 603.

FORS 604/NURS 604 Advanced Trauma Assessments and Injury Pathology
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 1 Lab Hour.
In-depth review of injury pathology, advanced trauma assessments and diagnosis of physical and psychological injuries across the lifespan; biomechanical forensics of sharp, blunt, thermal, penetrating and mixed injuries; methods to differentiate between intentional versus unintentional injuries; diseases and physical findings mimicking abuse; physiology of wound healing; biomechanics and pathophysiology of bruising; bruise resolution and similarities and differences with/from ecchymosis; pressure ulcer formation, healing and treatment; cutaneous injury prevention.
Prerequisites: FORS 601, FORS 602/NURS 602, FORS 603/NURS 603.
Cross Listing: NURS 604/FORS 604.

FORS 610 Forensic Sexual Assault Examiner
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Roles and responsibilities; legal definitions; expert witness testimony; nurse advocacy; motivations of perpetrators to offend; obtaining historical account of sexual assault using interview techniques; appropriate methods of documentation; EMTALA; head-to-toe assessment; injury documentation; anatomy of female and male sexual organs; evidence collection kit; treatment of STDs; pregnancy prophylactic treatment; role of advocates and advocacy centers; communication skills; vicarious victimization; civil and criminal trial procedures.
Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

FORS 611 Application of Clinical Pharmacology to Victims of Violence
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Drug-facilitated sexual assault; pharmacological treatment of STDs and pregnancy prophylaxis; pharmacological treatment for individuals with existing drug addiction; patient safety and compliance; methods to assess for current drug abuse; types of data-rape drugs and their actions.
Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

FORS 612 Human Trafficking
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Forms of trafficking; Trafficking Victims Protection Act; involuntary servitude, peonage and debt bondage; recruitment and transportation; bio-psycho-social impact; human trafficking and the internet; identification and investigation of trafficked individuals; trafficking across U.S. borders.
Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

FORS 613 Forensic Photography
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Fundamentals of photographic documentation of injuries sustained during a crime; camera and equipment selection; camera skills; forensic photography techniques; supporting documentation; data management; victim rights.
Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

FORS 614 Policy and Ethics of Interpersonal Violence
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Overview of policies and ethical considerations that inform forensic healthcare practice and procedures; identification, discussion and analysis of federal, state and local policies; regulation of professional practice; scopes and standards of practice; policy and legislation regarding victim populations; ethical standards for health professionals working with victims.
Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

FORS 615 Forensic Mental Health
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Examination of mental health issues relevant to forensic healthcare; forensic mental health roles; determination of diminished capacity and competence to stand trial; mental health risk factors and outcomes associated with both crime perpetration and victimization; addiction and crime; ethical issues associated with crime and mental health.
Prerequisite: Graduate classification.