

BCIT Forensic Science & Technology

FSCT 0091 - Forensic Approaches to Caring for Victims of Violence in Primary Health Care



Workshop Description

Forensic health care and trauma informed practice are emerging as new concepts in the medical/health care of Canadians. It can be a challenge for primary health care providers to care for victims of violence in a compassionate manner while also keeping in mind possible evidence collection and necessary medical care. This advanced workshop will provide a foundation for providing trauma informed forensic medical/health care to victims of violence. The workshop is specifically for primary health care providers (Nurse Practitioners, Family Physicians) and RNs working in rural or remote settings (ie. RN(C)) with limited access to a forensic (or SANE) program at the local hospital. This workshop will build on the advanced assessment skills of a primary care provider and prepare you to effectively provide trauma-informed appropriate medical care to **victims of violence**; provide guidelines for follow up and safety planning; understanding your duty to report; identification, assessment and documentation of injuries; collection and management of forensic specimens and how to write a medical-legal report.

Prerequisite: Nurse Practitioner, Physician, Advanced Practice RN, RN(C)- Rural Remote Certified, Outpost Nurse or by permission of the instructor

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Nurse Practitioner and internationally certified SANE with many years experience providing care to victims of violence and supporting the clinical work of forensic nurse examiners. She currently works with the Embrace Clinic as part of Fraser Health's Forensic Nursing Service. Through this clinic she has the opportunity to provide longer term follow up health care to victims of violence.

Dates: ONLINE January 15 – February 10, 2018 with In-class at BCIT Burnaby Campus (SE42-100) & Video-conference to remote sites on Feb 16 from 08:30 – 17:00.

Cost: \$431.11 (CRN 85580)

Registration: Contact Sheila Early at Sheila_Early@bcit.ca.

The final day will be video streamed to sites as requested. Contact Sheila Early at Sheila_Early@bcit.ca as soon as possible.