



Forensic Nurse Consultants Needed

TEXAS TELEFORENSIC REMOTE ASSISTANCE CENTER (TEX-TRAC)
A PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS A&M HEALTH CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN FORENSIC NURSING

SUMMARY

The telehealth forensic nurse is responsible for providing timely, non-judgmental, compassionate and trauma-informed care to patients requesting a medical forensic examination after a sexual assault via telehealth in partnership with an on-site clinician.

The telehealth forensic nurse will support, guide and mentor the on-site clinician to provide care and effectively collect evidence within a patient empowerment framework. Telehealth forensic nurses will maintain currency of practice and contribute to the telehealth team. This telehealth consultation position requires occasional travel to the Texas A&M Health campus located in Bryan-College Station.

Applicants must have a private location to provide telehealth medical forensic exam guidance and reliable internet service.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required Education

- Graduate of an accredited College or School of Nursing

Required Experience

- Three years' experience as a forensic nurse and 100 adult/adolescent forensic patient encounters
- Currency of practice as an adult/adolescent forensic nurse
- Forensic nurse preceptor for adult/adolescent providers

Preferred Experience

- Forensic medical exams via telehealth or other telehealth experience
- Currency of practice as a pediatric forensic nurse

Required Licenses and Certifications

- Candidate must hold a current RN license or privilege to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Texas
- SANE-A or CA-SANE certification

Preferred Licenses and Certifications

- SANE-P or CP-SANE certification

Required Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of issues related to sexual assault and exploitation, domestic violence, and child abuse, with particular expertise in sexual assault and its sequelae
- Ability to comprehensively care for patients after sexual assault in an empowering manner, that includes treating patients with respect, withholding judgment, restoring a sense of control, offering options and comfort, and respecting patients' decisions
- Language and empathy skills necessary to effectively address victim blaming in patients, their companions, and staff
- Ability to accept, incorporate, and offer constructive feedback
- Willing to adopt team practices
- Effective mentorship experience
- Ability to multi-task and work cooperatively with others
- Practice philosophy aligned with Duffy's Quality Caring Model
- Fluency in teaching patients and providers about how trauma is neurobiologically expressed following a sexual assault
- Proficiency in the operation of computers and general office software programs, including word-processing, spread sheet, and database software
- Maintains flexibility; shows resilience when faced with difficult situations and fosters these qualities within the telehealth team
- Effectively organizes work to meet frequent and/or multiple deadlines and manages ambiguity well
- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills
- Responsive to the needs of partners with diverse backgrounds and experiences
- Presence and maturity to influence and lead others internally, as well as to represent the university positively
- Ability to respond and provide services in a compassionate, empathetic and non-judgmental fashion and to provide support to crisis victims from diverse ethnic, religious, gender, identity, and sexuality groups.
- Knowledge of applicable privacy laws including HIPAA, HI-TECH and VAWA

Preferred Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Bilingual in Spanish

CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

70%: Telehealth forensic nursing encounters

- Assist patient and on-site clinician to navigate patient options including medications, reporting, and evidence collection through informed consent and informed declination
- Mentor and support the on-site clinician as they provide a physical examination, collection of evidence, resource referrals, documentation, photography, and time with a confidential community-based advocate when available
- Model Duffy's Quality Caring behaviors including mutual problem solving, attentive reassurance, human respect, encouraging manner, appreciation of unique meaning, creating a healing environment, addressing basic human and affiliation needs
- Take minimum amount of call required



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- Follow protocols established by program management and exercise professional judgment in utilizing and using the onsite nurse to the nursing process to assess, diagnose, plan, implement, and evaluate patient care.

20%: Other responsibilities

- Participate in regular team meetings
- Case review for each encounter
- Regular check-ins with supervisor
- Testify in criminal court as a witness for consulted cases
- Maintain currency of practice
- Precept onboarding forensic nurses
- Attend Tex-TRAC trainings as required

10%: Other Duties

- Performs other duties as assigned

Machines or equipment used in the performance of essential duties

- Computer average 5 hours per encounter, telephone average 1 hour per encounter

Other Requirements or factors

- Ability to respond to email within one business day
- Ability to begin encounter within 45 minutes of dispatch
- Take call for one program at a time with no overlap
- Unrestricted access to a computer with high speed internet
- Use of university supplied computer for encounters only
- Quiet and disruption free work space with a door

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Texas Teleforensic Remote Assistance Center (Tex-TRAC) program was established to plan, develop and pilot test a statewide sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) telehealth program to serve rural and underserved communities across Texas. This contract-based telehealth forensic nurse consultation position is funded through a federal grant from the Office for the Victims of Crimes and a state grant from the Office of the Attorney General awarded to the Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing.

Interested? Contact for additional information

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[Submit CV and expressed interest in serving as qualified forensic nurse consultant](#)

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