The Alaska Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy

teaches medical providers the correct way to collect forensic evidence from the onset of care, as well as the necessary knowledge and skills to offer dignity and respect to any victim reporting trauma and/or violence in Alaska's communities.



Alaska is Hurting

- 75% of Alaskans have experienced or know someone who has experienced domestic violence or sexual assault.
- Alaska's rate of child mistreatment is 69.3% higher than the national average.
- The Alaska rate for Elder physical abuse is 2.4 times the national rate. Elder psychological abuse is 1.6 times higher than the national rate.
- An assault occurs in Alaska every hour.

Despite the State's high level of violence, many areas of the state lack to ability to document and collect medical evidence to help protect victims of crime.

With the ACFTA's accessible training, you can learn how to provide trauma-informed, evidence- driven care to help increase the safety of our communities

ACFTA offers FREE training to nurses and healthcare providers



20-25 hours online coursework



20-25 Live instruction via Zoom

Register Today



Part 1: Online Training_ https://bit.ly/ACFTA-Part1

<u>Part 2: Live Session</u> <u>https://bit.ly/ACFTAMay2023</u>



Scannable QR code registration for both sessions

QUESTIONS?

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> Or see our FAQs and Contact Information Below





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With Our Partners:



Alaska's Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault







Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Alaska Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy (ACFTA)?

ACTFA is a pilot program that promotes forensic training for nurses and health care providers to build capacity for communities to respond to all types of violence. ACFTA is a partnership between the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA), the UAA College of Health, and the Alaska Nurses Association (AaNA).

Why is this course important to Alaskans?

Alaska has the highest rates of interpersonal violence in this country. While Alaska currently has dedicated response systems for sexual assaults, we need a broader comprehensive assessment and care of all victims of violence.

Many nurses and providers want to have stronger knowledge and skill levels to respond to patients who have violence/trauma backgrounds. Law enforcement and the legal system need stronger documentation and assessment of patients who have experienced violence.

Who can take the ACFTA Training Course?

The course is designed for nurses and health care professionals who seek to increase their ability to provide evidencebased and trauma-informed care to individuals and communities that have experienced violence

How is the ACFTA Course delivered?

The ACTFA training has both an online and in-person component. The first 24 hours of the training is conducted online and self-paced. The second 24 hours of the training is conducted live and streamed over Zoom.

Who developed the ACFTA Course?

All training modules were developed by nationally recognized educators and researchers in the fields of sexual assault, domestic violence, strangulation, elder abuse, and pediatric sexual/physical abuse.

What is the course cost?

This training is offered at no cost, thanks to our generous partners.

Are there any other benefits to attending this course?

Health care providers earn 18.25 contact hours when you complete the Alaska Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy Course

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