FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE ALASKA COMPREHENSIVE FORENSIC TRAINING ACADEMY (ACFTA)?

ACFTA 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 the country. While Alaska currently has dedicated response systems for sexual assault, we need a broader focus on 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 ACFTA training course is designed for nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physicians, EMS, community health aides – other victim service providers are also welcome to complete the online curriculum and are “space-available” for the live sessions. This course is for health care professionals who seek to increase their ability to provide evidence-based and trauma informed care to individuals and communities who have experienced violence.

HOW IS THE ACFTA TRAINING PROGRAM DELIVERED?

The ACFTA training has both an online and in-person component. The first half of the training is conducted online and is self-paced. The second half of the training program is a three-day, live session utilizing zoom. The live sessions are limited to 20 participants and participants must attend all three days.

We trialed the delivery of virtual competency education utilizing zoom during Covid and have developed a robust, virtual, live training that provides opportunities for practice using materials sent to you prior to class and utilizing actors for live, case-based interactions

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.

HOW MUCH DOES THIS COURSE COST?

Currently, we are offering this course at no charge. Determination of future cost will be reevaluated dependent on funding annually.

HOW CAN I SIGN UP TO TAKE THE COURSE?

1. Register at: https://bit.ly/ACFTA_UAA or scan the code: 
   a. Note: you will need to create an account
2. There are TWO Sections: ACFTA-Online, the online portion must be complete two days prior to the live (zoom) course. ACFTA-Live, is for the live session. You can register for both at the same time or one at a time.
3. Add course section(s) to your cart and check out.
   a. ACFTA-Online and/or ACFTA-Live
4. You will receive an email in 24-48 hours with your course access. If you do not receive an email contact kswright3@alaska.edu. The online course can be accessed at anytime and must be completed at least 2 days before taking the in-person course.
5. In-person sessions are scheduled several times per year. You can sign up for both sessions at the same time or return at a later time to sign up for the live session. Sign up as soon as you know when you would like to attend. These sessions fill up quickly. You will also use the same link for the in-person registration: https://bit.ly/ACFTA_UAA
   a. A link to the in-person registration will also be available in the online course