



Forensic Training Program

Perth 2023

This WA Health training programme will address the many issues involved in responding to recent adolescent and adult sexual assault. It will provide the skills and knowledge required for registered nurses, midwives and doctors working in regional areas to deliver medical care and perform a forensic examination involving the collection of forensic specimens.

Course Information

- The training takes place over 3 full days in Perth (Subiaco) and involves lectures, case scenarios and practical skills.
- Pre-reading and e-learning is required to be completed prior to the course.
- Doctors and Registered Nurses are eligible to enrol.
- Following completion of the course, and passing a written assessment, RNs will be qualified to collect forensic specimens from patients who have been sexually assaulted, as approved by WA legislation, Criminal Investigation Act Amendment 2011. The course also provides an opportunity for doctors to upskill in this area.

Dates

3 full days: 7, 8, 9 March 2023

9am – 4:30pm

Cost

Subsidised rate of \$750pp (including GST) for course attendance.

Participants are responsible for arranging and covering costs of transport and accommodation. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Queries

Queries can be directed to SARCTraining@health.wa.gov.au

Expressions of Interest are currently open. Completed EOI forms can be forwarded to SARCTraining@health.wa.gov.au

EOI applicants will be advised if they have been accepted on the course by 1st February 2023.

SARC will endeavour to accept applicants from various regions throughout W.A.

Content

The 3-day forensic training includes verbal presentations, demonstrations, case studies, skills rehearsals and guest presenters.

Topic areas

- The impact of sexual assault and responding effectively to disclosures
- Taking a medical and forensic history; forensically relevant questions
- Consent
- Early Evidence Kits (EEK) and specimen collection
- Minimising DNA contamination
- Medical issues after sexual assault including non-fatal strangulation
- Injuries and injury documentation
- Performing a general physical examination with collection of forensic specimens from the body
Genito-anal anatomy
- Genito-anal examination demonstration and collection of forensic specimens
- Completing the Forensic Specimen page(s)
- Labelling, sealing and bagging specimens
- Collecting clothing
- Handing over of specimens
- Writing a Police
- Report Going to court

At the completion of the training, attendees will be required to complete a multiple choice and short answer test.

SARC Education and Training

Email training enquiries and requests to: SARCTraining@health.wa.gov.au

Further information and resources: SARC website



The Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)

- **24-hour crisis** medical, forensic and counselling support following a sexual assault
- **Counselling** for recent and past sexual assault and sexual abuse
- State-wide **education** and **training**

24-hour crisis line for recent sexual assault

Telephone (08) 6458 1828 or
1800 199 888 (free from land line only)

Crisis telephone support

8.30am - 11.00pm daily
Telephone (08) 6458 1828