

Forensic nurses specialize in caring for victims and perpetrators of violence. They also serve a role in the legal system by collecting forensic evidence and providing independent consults with other medical, healthcare, and law agencies (International Association of Forensic Nurses [IAFN], 2012). Forensic nurse's commonly practice in the clinical setting; however, they also practice within the medicolegal death investigation system as forensic nurse death investigators, elected coroner/justice of the peace, educators, and/or administrators. For further information regarding forensic nursing refer to the IAFN website at <http://www.forensicnurse.org/>. In 2012, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), made available the Advanced Forensic Nursing certification (ANCC, 2012). This board certification is through rigorous portfolio criteria, set forth by ISO 9001:2008 standards. For further information regarding eligibility refer to the ANCC website at <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Certification/NurseSpecialties/ForensicNursingAdvanced.html#apply>