

## Curriculum Vitae

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#### **FORMAL EDUCATION**

**Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)**, February 2019

Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**, November 2014

Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ

**Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (RN)**, May 2004

Gateway Community College, Phoenix, AZ

#### **LICENSURE**

**Registered Nurse**, Arkansas State Board of Nursing, 2017-present

(Arizona State Board of Nursing, 2013-2017; Arkansas State Board of Nursing, 2010-2011;

Arizona State Board of Nursing, 2008-2010; Arkansas State Board of Nursing, 2006-2008;

Arizona State Board of Nursing, 2004-2006)

#### **BOARD CERTIFICATIONS**

**Advanced Forensic Nurse- Certified (AFN-C)**

Legal Systems/Forensic Science/Forensic Nursing

Academy of Forensic Nursing, 2022- present

Maintain 60 CE/3 years

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner- Pediatric (SANE-P)**

International Association of Forensic Nurses, 2019-present

Maintain 45 CE/3 years

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner- Adult/Adolescent (SANE-A)**

International Association of Forensic Nurses, 2015-present

Maintain 45 CE/3 years

#### **REGISTRATIONS**

**Official U.S. Government Contractor/Vendor**

SAM.gov

#### **CURRENT WORK**

**Forensic Nurse Educator/Admin**

**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) TeleSANE program, Little Rock, AR (2/2025 - present)**

Provide statewide oversight and training for regional Emergency Department providers to serve victims of SA via TeleHealth Consultations. Full time role includes sustainability of programming, and implementation of evidence-based policies.

## **Forensic Nurse Expert Witness**

### **Consultation and Expert Witness Services**

#### **Advanced Forensic Nursing Services, PLLC (Owner) 2019-present**

Routinely provide expert consultation for legal cases involving sexual abuse/assault and non-fatal strangulation in DV/IPV. Experience with all counsel to include records review, case consultation, technical reports and expert testimony. Provide expert testimony in a variety of court settings. Committed to maintaining neutrality and objectivity in practice and court testimony. Work for all counsel with experience in criminal, civil, juvenile, and immigration courts, Title IX Campus investigations and military court martial trials.

#### **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Forensic Nurse Examiner, RN, Independent Contractor for:**

**Children's Advocacy Centers of Benton County, (November 2017-present)**

**Children's Safety Center of Washington County, (November 2017-present)**

**NWA Center for Sexual Assault, (November 2017-present)**

Have provided over 700 medical forensic examinations and care for individuals reporting sexual assault, sexual abuse and strangulation. Contracted to provide services for 3 non-profit centers across 2 counties. Provide fact and expert testimony as needed. Regularly assist and participate in peer review, case review, and ongoing continuing education.

#### **Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas Network (CaCAR)**

**Statewide SANE-P Clinical Instructor/Preceptorship Educator/Coordinator (2023-present)**

Co-Lead the statewide clinical SANE preceptorship program. Provide 1:1 clinical preceptorship intensives to new SANEs across Arkansas. Organize the onboarding of new nurses throughout the CAC of Arkansas network.

#### **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Pediatric/Adolescent/Adult SANE Training Team Didactic & Clinical Instructor (2021- present)**

Instructor, planner, developer of SANE trainings for RNs

#### **Northwest Arkansas Forensic Nurses Pediatric/Adolescent/Adult SANE Training Team**

**Didactic & Clinical Instructor (2018-2021)**

Instructor, planner, developer of SANE trainings for RNs

## **WORKGROUPS/TASKFORCES**

**Operation Obscured Vision, led by Arkansas Office of the Attorney General, Tim Griffin**

**In partnership with REACH Coalition, Arkansas State Police, Arkansas Department of Health, Advocacy Groups.**

Statewide Human Trafficking operation to expose the pervasive issue of illicit massage parlors in Arkansas. Provided nursing services to female sex workers.

#### **Director at Large, Board of Directors**

**Arkansas Forensic Nursing Association (AFNA), (12/2023- 12/2024)**

Direct the planning and implementation of statewide coordinated efforts for continuing education and engagement of SANEs across Arkansas, to include conferences, workshops, and newsletters. Engaged in statewide legislative initiatives and serve as the voice for Forensic Nurses across the state.

**Auditor****Statewide Peer Review Team (10/2024-present)**

Perform reviews of the written medical forensic records for all PSANes across the state for quality assurance and improvement.

**Coordinator****Northwest Arkansas Strangulation Response, (2019-present)**

Develop, implement, and evaluate the coordinated community response to local non-fatal strangulation cases across Benton and Washington County, and provide effective trainings, documentation tools, protocols, guidelines and resources for the nursing evaluation of the strangled patient.

**Member/Contributor****Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas Network (CaCAR) Medical Sub-Committee (2021-present)**

Contribute to best practices and evidence-based policies for implementation within the medical components of the CACs across the state.

**Chair****Community Onboarding Safety Awareness and Response (CoSAR) Project of NWA, (10/2022-4/2024)**

Lead council for initiatives involving a large volume of community partners (first responders, medical personnel, non-profits, investigators, legal teams, and other public stakeholders) to collaborate on the coordinated community response and enhanced victim's services for Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Stalking and Sexual Assault across Benton and Washington Counties, Arkansas.

**PAST WORK****NWA Forensic Nurse Team, Interim Regional SANE Coordinator RN**

Oversight of the SANE program in Northwest Arkansas 12/2019-6/2020

**Forensic Nurse Examiner RN, Honor Health System**

Scottsdale, AZ, 2013-2017

**Wound Care and Family practice RN, Mercy Health System**

Northwest Arkansas, 2007-2011 (intermittent)

**Cardiac Telemetry, Progressive Care Unit RN, Banner Health System**

Phoenix, AZ 2004-2010 (intermittent)

**Pediatrics, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Dermatology, Medical Assistant**

Phoenix, AZ and surrounding 1997-2004

**Long Term Care and Assisted Living, Certified Nursing Assistant**

Phoenix, AZ 1996-1997

Terry, MT 1994-1996

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Forensic Sciences, 3/2023- present

Arkansas Forensic Nursing Association, 4/2022- present

Academy of Forensic Nurses, 2018-present

International Association of Forensic Nurses, 2014-present

American Nurses' Association, 2018

American College of Forensic Examiners' Institute, 2017

### **AWARDS**

Forensic Nurse Horizon Award, Advancing the Field of Forensic Nursing in Arkansas, Arkansas Forensic Nurses Association, 11/2024

Meritorious Service Award, Scottsdale Police Department, September 20, 2016

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

*Practical Aspects of Rape Investigation, Sixth Edition*, by Dr. Ann Burgess. Review for Book Proposal, CRC Press/Taylor & Francis.

*Domestic Violence and Nonfatal Strangulation Assessment for Health Care Providers and First Responders, Forensic Learning Series*, Faugno et. Al., 2020, STM Learning. Book Review.

### **GRANT WRITING**

*Improving Criminal Justice Response (ICJR)*, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), United States Department of Justice, March-April 2023, in partnership with the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV), Little Rock, Arkansas.

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES GIVEN & DIDACTIC AND CLINICAL INSTRUCTION**

#### **PROVIDED:**

*Choose Your Words Wisely: Injury Identification, Documentation, and Court Testimony*, Clinical Forensic Conference, Saint Luke's Health System, Kansas City, MO, 4/11/2025

*Recognition of Life-Threatening Injuries in Strangulation of the neck*, NWA Fire & EMT Expo, Rogers AR  
Future presentation 3/18/2025

*Non-Fatal Strangulation*, Arkansas Forensic Nurses Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Morrilton, AR, 11/8/2024

*Building a Business: Legal Nurse Consulting*, Arkansas Forensic Nurses Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Morrilton, AR, 11/7/2024

*Forensic Injury Assessment, Terminology & Documentation*, Arkansas Forensic Nursing Association, web-based. 7/3/2024.

*Clinical Skills Lab for SANE students*, Instructor/Planner. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas hosted by the UAMS TeleSANE program and the Northwest Arkansas Forensic Nurse Team, June 4-5/2024. Taught hands-on skills utilizing live standardized patients/models to include: documentation of assault histories, anogenital examinations and adjunct techniques, evidence collection, injury review and forensic photography, and medical-forensic documentation.

*Clinical Skills Lab for SANE students, Instructor/Planner.* University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas hosted by the UAMS TeleSANE program and the Northwest Arkansas Forensic Nurse Team, May 28, 2024. Taught hands-on skills utilizing live standardized patients/models to include: documentation of assault histories, anogenital examinations and adjunct techniques, evidence collection, injury review and forensic photography, and medical-forensic documentation.

*64-hour Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric SANE Training, Author/Instructor/Planner.* University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and NWA Forensic Nurse Team, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 1-5 & 6-8, 2024. Little Rock, AR. Lectures included: Medical Forensic Histories; Injury Identification, Terminology & Documentation; Forensic Photography; Nonfatal Strangulation in Intimate and Domestic Partner Violence; Defensible Medical-Forensic Documentation; Case Study adult & pediatric; Suspect Exams; PREA; Anogenital Exam Techniques, Findings & Evidence Collection (video reviews); Mock Testimony; Legal Consideration and Judicial Proceedings from the Nursing Perspective

*Survived Strangulation of the Neck: Recognition and Emergency Management of Underlying Injuries,* NWA Fire/EMS Conference and Expo, Rogers Convention Center, Rogers, AR, March 15, 2024.

*Forensic Nursing Overview* Eleanor Mann School of Nursing, University of Arkansas, 9/12/2023.

*64-hour Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric SANE Training, Author/Instructor/Planner.* University of Arkansas for Medical Science in collaboration with the NWA Forensic Nurse Team, Little Rock, Arkansas, 8/21/2023-8/30/2023. Lectures included: Medical-Forensic Histories; Injury Identification & Terminology; Forensic Photography; Nonfatal Intimate Partner Strangulation; Defensible Medical-Forensic Documentation; Strangulation Case Study; Suspect Exams; Prison Rape Elimination Act and Prison Rape Cases; Sexual Abuse and Assault Anogenital Examinations- case reviews; Legal Considerations and Judicial Proceedings from the Nursing Perspective; Mock Testimony.

*Two -Day SANE Clinical Skills Lab- Instructor,* UAMS Tele-SANE program in partnership with NWA Forensic Nurses, at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR, 6/27-28/2023. (Genital Anatomy and Examination Techniques & Tools, Forensic Evidence Collection, Forensic Photography and Injury Review, Medical Forensic Documentation and Best Practices for the MFE).

*64-hour Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric SANE Training, Author/Instructor/Planner.* University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and NWA Forensic Nurse Team, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 17-26, 2023. (Medical forensic history taking, defensible medico-legal documentation, injury terminology and forensic photography, NFS, suspect exams, PREA/prison cases, suspect care, genital anatomy).

*Two -Day SANE Clinical Skills Lab- Instructor,* UAMS Tele-SANE program in partnership with NWA Forensic Nurses, at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR, 2/21-22/2023. (Genital Anatomy and Examination Techniques & Tools, Forensic Evidence Collection, Forensic Photography and Injury Review, Medical Forensic Documentation and Best Practices for the MFE).

*Hymenal Transections and Notches; A Classifications Review,* Arkansas PSANE Collaborative, web- based, 1/12/2023.

*Non-Fatal Strangulation for First Responders & Law Enforcement,* Arkansas State Police, Lowell, Arkansas, 10/20/2022.

*Non-Fatal Strangulation for First Responders & Law Enforcement*, West Fork Police Department, West Fork, Arkansas, 9/27/2022.

*Non-Fatal Strangulation: Knowledge for Healthcare Providers*, Arkansas Forensic Nurses' Association, web based, 8/9/2022

*Pediatric Non-fatal Strangulation: A Pilot Program*, SHIPS Medical Network Conference, UAMS Team for Children at Risk, Little Rock, Arkansas 5/6/2022.

*64-hour Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric SANE Training*, Author/Instructor/Planner. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and NWA Forensic Nurse Team, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 4-13, 2022. (Medical forensic history taking, defensible medico-legal documentation, injury terminology and forensic photography, NFS, suspect exams, PREA/prison cases, suspect care, genital anatomy).

*64-hour Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric SANE Training*, Author/Instructor/Planner. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and NWA Forensic Nurse Team, Little Rock, Arkansas, October 4-13, 2021. (Medical forensic history taking, defensible medico-legal documentation, injury terminology and forensic photography, NFS, suspect exams, PREA/prison cases, suspect care, genital anatomy, court process and legal proceedings for SANEs).

*64-hour Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric SANE Training*, Author/Instructor/Planner. NWA Forensic Nurse Team, Rogers, AR, March 1-10, 2021. (Medical forensic history taking, defensible medico-legal documentation, injury terminology and forensic photography, NFS, suspect exams, PREA/prison cases, suspect care, genital anatomy, court process and legal proceeding for SANEs).

*Non-Fatal Strangulation*, Washington County Prosecutor's Office, Springdale, AR, October, 2020

*64- hour Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric SANE Training* Author/Instructor/Planner. NWA Forensic Nurse Team, Rogers, AR, June 1-10, 2020. (Medical forensic history taking, defensible medico-legal documentation, injury terminology and forensic photography, NFS, suspect exams, PREA/prison cases, suspect care, genital anatomy, court process and legal proceeding for SANEs).

*Non-Fatal Strangulation in Intimate and Domestic Partner Violence*, Springdale Police Department (CID), Springdale, Arkansas, June 12, 2019

*Non-Fatal Strangulation and Traumatic Brain Injuries in Intimate Partner/Domestic Violence: What Caregivers Need to Know*, Peace at Home Women's Shelter, Springdale, Arkansas, May 16, 2019

*Strangulation Education in the Emergency Department: Identification of Life-Threatening Injuries*, poster presentation. Arkansas Nursing Research Alliance. CHI St. Vincent, Little Rock, Arkansas. November 8, 2018.

*Non-Fatal Strangulation, Injury Documentation & Forensic Photography*, SANE-A training, Northwest Arkansas Forensic Nurses. Benton County CAC. October, 19, 2018.

*Non-Fatal Strangulation*, Washington County Children's Safety Center MDT. May, 2018.

*Non-Fatal Strangulation, Injury Documentation, & Forensic Photography* SANE-A training presentation, Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence (ACASA). UAMS, Fayetteville, Arkansas. March, 2018.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Ongoing bimonthly sexual abuse Case Review with the Child Abuse Pediatricians/Team for Children at Risk, *University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences at Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock.*

7.5 hours, *Support for Healthcare Involved Professionals in Safety Centers (SHIPS) Conference*, Team for Children at Risk, Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 10, 2024.

17.0 hours, *International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice*, Phoenix, AZ, Sept 27-30, 2023. (Effective MDT responses to the Spiritual Impact of Child Abuse; When a Bruise is not a Bruise and a Cut is not a Cut; Patient Care Utilizing the National Protocol for Intimate Partner Violence Medical Forensic Exams; Writing for the Journal of Forensic Nursing; Creating a Preceptor Development Course to Standardize Training of Prospective SANEs; The Relevance and role of FN Associations; Can One Accurately Date a Bruise in Clinical Practice- a literature update; The Intersection of Queer Youth and Human Trafficking; TeleSANE in Arkansas; The Business of Consulting; The American Nurse Stories of Life- Changing Impact)

25.0 hours, *Advanced Course on Strangulation Prevention*, Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, March, 2023, web-based.

8.0 hours, *A Focus on Pediatric Strangulation*, Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, 3/2/2023, web-based.

0.5 hours, *SHIPS CE log- Hymenal Findings and CAC referrals*, Support for Health Involved Professionals in Safety Centers, 1/24/2023, web-based.

7.25 hours, *Arkansas Forensic Nursing Conference*, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Forensic nursing past/present/future; Hospital referrals/ED protocols; Adolescent patients; History taking; STI prevention and treatment; Evidence collection.

11.50 hours, *International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice*, Dallas, Texas, 9/28/2022-10/1/2022. Sextortion, Forensic Nursing Research Contribution, Evidence Collection Parameters, Strangulation, Professional Grief in Forensic Nursing, Boundaries of Court Testimony.

3.0 hours, *Forensic Photography workshop*, Bentonville Police Department Crime Scene Specialist, Bentonville, AR, 8/18/22

1.25 hours, *Injury Assessment, Patterns and Documentation*, AFN, web-based, 7/12/2022

1.0 hours *Bruising in a toddler- Lessons Learned and a Clinical Decision Rule (Ten-4-Facesp)*, Arkansas Children's, 6/3/2022.

8.0 hours- *SHIPS Medical Network Conference*, UAMS Team for Children at Risk, Little Rock, Arkansas, 5/6/2022, evaluation of Child Sexual Abuse for the PSANE.

6.5 hours, *Legal 101, Academy of Forensic Nursing, 2/2022, web based.*

40.25 hours-*International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science, IAFN, virtual, 10/1-30/2021. Research and Practice Content.*

19.0 hours- *IAFN Continuing Ed, Online Learning Center, 10/1-10/25/2021, Dating app Facilitated Sex Assaults, Interpreting Toxicology and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assaults, Prison Rape Elimination Act Case Studies, Forensic Nursing Science Research, Trauma Informed Care of Sex and Labor Trafficking Victims, Payment for MFEs, Privacy and Confidentiality of Campus Assault Patients.*

8.0 hours- *SHIPS Medical Network Conference, UAMS Team for Children at Risk, Little Rock, Arkansas, 4/29-30/2021, evaluation of Child Sexual Abuse examinations for the PSANE.*

5.0 hours- *Forensic Nursing Responses to the Epidemic of Strangulation, Academy of Forensic Nurses, web based, 5/5-8/2021.*

6.0 hours- *Criminal Case Consulting, Defensible Documentation & Ethical Expert Testimony, Academy of Forensic Nurses, web based, 4/30/21-5/4/21.*

1.5 hours- *What We Learned in 2020: Updates from the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, web based, 3/1/2021.*

2.0 hours- *Pediatric Strangulation, IAFN, web based, 3/1/2021.*

8.0 hours- *SHIPS Medical Network Conference, Team for Children at Risk, UAMS, Little Rock, Arkansas, May 1, 2020. evaluation of Child Sexual Abuse examinations for the PSANE*

8.0 hours- *SHIPS Medical Network Conference, 8 Team for Children at Risk, UAMS, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 26-27, 2019. evaluation of Child Sexual Abuse examinations for the PSANE*

8.0 hours- *Arkansas Nursing Research Alliance, Evidence-Based Practice Forum 2018: Translating Research into Practice. CHI St. Vincent, Little Rock, Arkansas. November 8, 2018.*

24.0 hours- *Academy of Forensic Nurses Inaugural Conference, Leveraging the Role of the Forensic Nurse, Las Vegas, NV, October 2-3, 2018.*

1.5 hours- *Strangulation Training Institute, Handling Strangulation Cases on the Front Lines, 2 training hours, web-based, August 28, 2018*

1.5 hours- *International Association of Forensic Nurses SAFE-ta, Differential Diagnosis in Pediatric Sexual Assault, web-based, July 2018*

8.0 hours- *University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, SHIPS 2018 Medical Conference, May 4-5, 2018*

1.5 hours- *The Strangulation Training Institute, Pediatric Strangulation Part 1, Pediatric Strangulation Part 2, web based, February 21-22, 2018*



43 hours- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Pediatric/Adolescent Didactic and Clinical  
International Association of Forensic Nurses, October 2017

1.5 hours- Arizona Trauma Association's Southwest Trauma & Acute Care Symposium,  
Bill Smock, M.D., *Recommendations for the Medical/Radiographic Evaluation of Acute Adult, Non-fatal  
Strangulation*, Scottsdale, Arizona, November, 2016

1.5 hours- Arizona Trauma Association Southwest Trauma & Acute Care Symposium, Bill Smock, M.D.,  
*Forensic Evaluation of Gunshot Wounds*, Scottsdale, AZ, November, 2016

24.0 hours- Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, *Reframing Our Movement  
Conference*, Phoenix, AZ, September 14-16, 2016

1.5 hours- International Association of Forensic Nurses and SAFE-ta, *Title IX for Forensic Nurses*, web  
based, September 7, 2016

1.5 hours- Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, *Strangulation: What We Have Learned in 2015*,  
web based, December 14, 2015

24 hours- Domestic Violence Examiner Didactic, International Association of Forensic Nurses, December  
2015

1.0 hours- Professional Nursing Education, HonorHealth, *Compassion Fatigue*, July 8, 2015 The Center  
for Disease Control, *Emerging Issues in Sexually Transmitted*

1.5 hours- *Diseases: 2015 STD Treatment Guidelines*, web based, June 22, 2015 IAFN, *International  
Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice*, Phoenix, AZ, October 22-25, 2014

1.5 hours- The National Center for Victims of Crime, *Learning to Work with Commercially Sexually  
Exploited and Domestically Trafficked Youth*, web based, September 9, 2014

1.5 hours- The National Family Justice Center Alliance, *Strangulation in the Pediatric Population*, web  
based, July, 2014

24.0 hours- *International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science*, Phoenix, AZ, 2013.

40 hours- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Adult/Adolescent Didactic and Clinical  
HonorHealth, Scottsdale, AZ, September 2013