

## What is a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)?

A SANE is a registered nurse who has received specialized education and fulfilled clinical requirements to perform forensic examinations of patients who report sexual assault. The SANE practices as part of a multi disciplinary team that also includes advocates, law enforcement, forensic scientists, and prosecutors.

## A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner serves the sexual assault patient by:

- Providing crisis intervention;
- Obtaining a history of pertinent health issues and reported incident;
- Performing a physical assessment;
- Collecting evidence at the request of the patient;
- Documenting findings with charting and photographs;
- Implementing a nursing care plan to meet the patient's needs;
- Treating by medical protocol and/or referring for medical treatment;
- Providing planning and referrals for follow up care.



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## What is the SANE course?

The SANE course is a forty hour course that includes classroom lecture, group projects, a live model skills lab and a mock trial. This course fulfills the guidelines set forth by the International Association of Forensic Nurses, and meets the educational requirement for nurses applying to sit for the national certification exam. The University of

Mississippi School of Nursing provides academic oversight for the course and awards nursing CEUs. After taking the course, the nurse completes a clinical practicum at his/her practice site.



## What does the SANE course cost?

The tuition for the course is covered by grant funds received by the Mississippi Coalition against Sexual Assault. Accepted applicants are responsible for their own housing, meals, travel expenses, and payment of a small fee for CEU processing. All course materials and supplies are provided at no cost.

## Who may take the SANE course?

Experienced registered nurses, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and physicians may take the course. A variety of clinical backgrounds are acceptable such as emergency care, gynecology, psychiatry, pediatrics, and general medical nursing. Priority is given to nurses who work in a clinical area where the exams will be performed. Sponsorship by the employing institution is preferred.

## How can I receive more information about attending a SANE course?

The SANE course is usually offered three times each year; once in Jackson and twice in other parts of the state. For more information and training dates, please contact the Education Coordinator at the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault at **601-948-0555** or toll-free at **888-987-9011**. You can also visit our website at [www.msCasa.org](http://www.msCasa.org).



## What other training programs are available?



*Initial Care of the Sexual Assault Patient and Medical Evidence in Child Sexual Abuse* are four-hour workshops that we can provide at your site. Other specialty workshops may be offered upon request. An advanced 21-hour course, *Pediatric Sexual Assault Exam Course*, is offered annually in June.

