



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 and 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 24 hours of the training is conducted online and is self-paced. The second 24 hours of the training program is conducted in-person. ACFTA's first in-person training will be held at the UAA, May 14-16, 2019. Additional in-person trainings are being scheduled for August and December 2019 and will be posted mid-April.

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?

The course is free. Travel scholarships for the in-person training are available through the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Please go to the CDVSA website for information regarding a travel scholarship to attend the three-day in-person session: <https://dps.alaska.gov/CDVSA/Grantee-Support/Training-Opportunities>.

HOW CAN I SIGN UP TO TAKE THE COURSE?

1. Go to <http://alaskanurse.litmos.com/online-courses/> and select the Alaska Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy (ACFTA).
2. Add it to the cart;
3. Register for the site as well as the online portion. The online course will run continuously.
4. Sign up for the in-person session you would like to attend. In-person training is May 14-16, 2019 at UAA and registration is now open.