

Continuing Education and Training: Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault Topics



RTI International offers Web-based training courses that target the advanced education needs of sexual assault nurse examiners/sexual assault forensic examiners (SANEs/SAFEs) and the sexual assault response team (SART) in drug-facilitated sexual assault (DFSA) cases. Advanced DFSA topics include foundational information for practice and psychomotor skills—such as evidence collection and drug recognition behaviors—for professionals to enhance support of victim rights and services. Each training module is first presented in an instructor-led “virtual classroom” format to facilitate student-teacher interaction and is subsequently offered on demand to allow flexible access to didactic content.

An Overview of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault SANE/SAFE/SART Protocol I

This course examines best practices in victim-centered care, establishes a common language regarding DFSA among SART members, and documents proper evidence collection techniques for DFSA cases. The course is approximately 120 minutes and is available in an on-demand format. (2.0 ANCC approved contact hours available.)

An Overview of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault SANE/SAFE/SART Protocol II

This course is a continuation of “An Overview of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault SANE/SAFE/SART Protocol I.” It is designed to provide components of the National Protocol on Sexual Assault for medical, law enforcement, laboratory, advocacy, and legal professionals who may assist DFSA victims. It covers terminology, victimology, drugs, psychomotor skills, and biology. It also covers how to implement a protocol and coordinated response

in providing victim-centered care in DFSA cases. The course is approximately 120 minutes and is available in an on-demand format. (2.0 ANCC approved contact hours available.)

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Challenges in Investigating Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault

This course is designed to summarize the challenges associated with DFSA investigations. It covers terminology, drugs, reporting of the crime, evidence collection, and laboratory methodologies. Recommendations for medical professionals, investigators, prosecutors, and toxicologists will also be reviewed to ensure effective investigation of DFSA cases. The course is approximately 80 minutes. (1.3 ANCC approved contact hours available.)

Upcoming Web-based Course Topics for 2011— Delivered Live and On Demand

- Digital Photography and Evidence Collection Considerations in DFSA Investigations
- Drugs—A DFSA Perspective

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