

Merging Analytical Skills with Victim Advocacy as a Forensic Nurse Examiner

I've always excelled at problem-solving and investigation. If someone mentioned a mystery, I wouldn't rest until it was solved in meticulous detail. I considered careers like detective work and crime scene analysis.

It was in a high school criminal justice course that I first learned about the field of forensic nursing. Here was a specialty perfectly merging my analytical talents with the rewarding prospect of helping others. After that class, my career path was set.

I pursued my Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a minor in criminal justice. I honed skills like collecting and preserving evidence, compiling documentation, and testifying in legal proceedings. For my clinical training, I predominately interned with sexual assault nurse examiners.

They inspired me with their ability to handle incredibly sensitive situations while empowering victims. After graduation, I earned certifications in sexual assault and death investigations. Today, I work as a full-time forensic nurse examiner at a non-profit support center.

Daily, I conduct in-depth physical and psychological evaluations for abuse and assault victims. I provide essential healthcare while gathering evidence that aids law enforcement investigations. My specialized training allows me to identify minute patterns and clues.

My compassionate nature puts victims at ease through traumatic examinations. Though my work is often heavy emotionally, seeing perpetrators brought to justice makes it profoundly rewarding. My insatiable curiosity and keen eye serve me well in this intriguing nursing specialty.

