



**Alaska
Comprehensive
Forensic Training
Academy**



Why Is This Training Important for Alaskans?

Alaska continues to lead the nation in rates of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and elder abuse. Many of these crimes go unreported or undocumented due to a lack of trained providers—especially in rural areas.

ACFTA addresses this urgent gap, providing culturally informed, trauma-sensitive training that empowers professionals to serve survivors and support justice efforts in their communities.

Why ACFTA?

While Alaska has specialized sexual assault response teams, most communities lack access to broader training for documenting domestic violence, elder abuse, strangulation, and other forms of harm.

ACFTA provides comprehensive training to support more accurate assessments, better documentation, and ultimately—greater justice for victims.

"I didn't know what I didn't know. This training gave me tools I can use the next day with a survivor."
— ACFTA Participant, 2024

Training Topics Include:

- Injury identification and documentation
- Photography and written reporting
- Chain of custody and evidence preservation
- Mandatory reporting laws
- Trauma-informed survivor care
- Cultural and regional considerations
- Medical-legal partnerships

Audience:

- Nurses
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Community Health Aides
- Behavioral health providers
- EMS & first responders



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Forensic Care That Makes a Difference

Empowering providers to support survivors from the first moment of care.

75% of Alaskans have experienced or know someone who experienced domestic or sexual violence

**Strengthening Alaska's
Response to Violence**



In collaboration with our partners—**CDVSA, the UAA College of Health, and the Alaska Nurses Association**—we're building capacity for health care providers to better serve survivors of violence.



Alaska's Council on
Domestic Violence
& Sexual Assault



UAA College of Health
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE



Alaska Nurses
Association

Simulation-based practice and real-world case scenarios

This program empowers providers and responders with the skills to recognize abuse, support survivors, and preserve evidence.

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Violence leaves a mark— but with the right training, so can justice.

PART 1

VIRTUAL TRAINING

(18–20 HOURS)

This asynchronous, self-paced online course builds foundational knowledge in recognizing, documenting, and responding to various forms of interpersonal violence. Topics include:

- Understanding trauma and its impact on patients
- Principles of trauma-informed care
- Mandatory reporting laws in Alaska
- Interviewing skills that prioritize safety and patient advocacy
- Identifying signs of domestic violence, sexual assault, strangulation, child and elder abuse
- Legal documentation

Participants are required to complete this portion before attending the in-person session to ensure they arrive prepared with key concepts and background knowledge.

PART 2

LIVE + VIRTUAL TRAINING

(20–25 HOURS)

The second part of the training includes three days of hands-on, instructor-led learning.

It includes:

- Live demonstrations and guided practice of medical-forensic exams
- Scenario-based exercises on evidence collection
- Role-specific breakouts for vicarious trauma and self care
- Documentation techniques including photography and injury mapping
- Simulated patient interviews using trauma-informed communication
- Community-specific case discussions and cultural considerations

This component is hosted virtually to reduce travel barriers and strengthen local response capacity.

"If there isn't good medical documentation that has a forensic focus to it, then that doesn't ever go forward to the court of law."

-Dr. Angelia Trujillo

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