

**Adult/Adolescent/Pediatric
Forensic Nurse Examiner Course
Geisinger Health System
September 16-18, September 30 - October 2, 2026
FINAL AGENDA**



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ADULT/ADOLESCENT/PEDIATRIC FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER COURSE AGENDA

Key Target Didactic Competencies:

- 1) Overview of forensic nursing and child sexual abuse
- 2) Victim responses and crisis intervention
- 3) Collaborating with Community Agencies
- 4) Medicolegal History Taking
- 5) Observing and assessing physical examination findings
- 6) Medicolegal specimen collection
- 7) Medicolegal photography
- 8) Sexually transmitted infection testing and prophylaxis
- 9) Testifying and the law

	Pre-Course Assignments – Due on Day 1	
30 minutes	Read article and be prepared to discuss in class: Violence Is a Public Health and Healthcare Issue	Self-paced
60 minutes	Read article and be prepared to discuss in class: Barriers to Seeking Healthcare Services After Sexual Assault: A Scoping Review	Self-paced
90 minutes	Evolution of Forensic Nursing Theory - Introduction of the Constructed Theory of Forensic Nursing Care: A Middle-Range Theory	Self-paced
120 minutes	Research articles	Self-paced
	Day 1 – September 16, 2026	
Hours	Content	Presenter
0730 – 0830	Welcome, Overview of Course, Review pre-course work, pre-test	Jennifer McNew
0830 – 0915	Overview of Forensic Nursing, Roles & Responsibilities	Jennifer McNew
0915 - 1015	Sexual Violence	Jennifer McNew
1015 - 1030	Break	
1030 - 1130	Sexual Assault Response/Multi-disciplinary Teams	Jennifer McNew
1130 – 1230	The Role of the Victim Advocate	Sabrina Hannon, WRC Medical Advocacy Program Coordinator
1230 – 1315	Lunch	
1315 - 1430	Mandated Reporting	Jennifer McNew
1430 – 1730 (15 min. break)	Anatomy, Injury Identification & Anogenital Exam Techniques - Adult/Adolescent Population	Jennifer McNew
90 minutes	Homework: Read kit instructions Review Anonymous Reporting in PA – Handout Read MINORS' ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE IN PENNSYLVANIA – Handout (Bring a camera or cell phone with a camera tomorrow)	

	Day 2 – September 17, 2026	
Hours	Content	Presenter
0730 – 0745	Questions/concerns from yesterday	Jennifer McNew
0745 – 0945	Evidence Collection Adult Adolescent	Jennifer McNew
0945 – 1000	Break	
1000 – 1100	Evidence Collection continued	Jennifer McNew
1100 – 1200	Role of the Crime Lab Forensic Analyst	Sarah Worsnick, Forensic Scientist 2, PSP Bureau of Forensic Services, Wyoming Regional Laboratory
1200 – 1245	Lunch	
1245 - 1345	Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault	Jennifer McNew
1345 – 1515	Intimate Partner Violence & Near/Non-Fatal Strangulation	Jennifer McNew
1515 – 1530	Break	
1530 – 1730	Forensic Photography	Jennifer McNew
90 minutes	Homework – Anatomy/Injury/Plan of Care Scenarios	Self-paced

	Day 3 – September 18, 2026	
Hours	Content	Presenter
0730 – 0745	Questions/concerns from yesterday, turn in homework	Jennifer McNew
0745 -0915	Adult/Adolescent Forensic Medical Exam, STIs, Discharge & Follow-Up	Jennifer McNew
0915 – 1015	Underserved Populations	
1015 – 1030	Break	Jennifer McNew
1030 - 1115	Elder/Vulnerable Adult Abuse & Neglect	Jennifer McNew
1115 - 1215	The Role of the Title IX Coordinator in Sexual Assault Cases	Diana Collins Gilmore, Deputy Title IX Coordinator University of Scranton
1215 – 1300	Lunch	
1300 -1445	History & Medical Forensic Documentation	Jennifer McNew
1445 - 1515	Documenting the Narrative and Injury Documentation	Jennifer McNew
1515 - 1530	Break	
1530 - 1630	Case Study: Adult Female IPV/Strangulation/Sexual Assault	Jennifer McNew
1630 - 1730	Case Studies: Adult Male Sexual Assault, Adolescent Female Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse	Jennifer McNew
120 minutes 30 minutes	Homework: Adult Case Study Review Pediatric Evidence Collection Guidelines	Self-paced

	Day 4 – September 30, 2026	
Hours	Content	Presenter
0730 – 0745	Questions/concerns from yesterday, turn in homework	Jennifer McNew
0745 - 0915	History & Dynamics of Child Sexual Abuse	Jennifer McNew
0915 – 1015	The Role of the CYS Caseworker	Jennifer Brieg, CPS Supervisor, Jillian Dudeck-Peck, CPS Caseworker
1015 - 1030	Break	
1030 - 1200	Pediatric History, Exam & Evidence Collection	Jennifer McNew
1200 – 1245	Lunch	
1245 – 1345	Pediatric Growth & Development	Jennifer McNew
1345 – 1445	Child Sexual Abuse Exam Interpretation & Mimics of Sexual Abuse	Dr. Martia Lind, Children's Advocacy Center, Sunbury, PA
1445 - 1500	Break	
1500 - 1630	Child Physical Abuse & Non-Fatal Strangulation	Jennifer McNew
1630 - 1730	Pediatric History Taking/Plan of Care	Jennifer McNew
90 minutes	Homework: Pediatric Scenarios	Self-paced

	Day 5 – October 1, 2026	
Hours	Content	Presenter
0730 – 0745	Questions/concerns from last class/turn in adult case study	Jennifer McNew
0745 – 0915	Human Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Jennifer McNew
0915 - 0945	Human Trafficking Exercise	Jennifer McNew
0945 – 1000	Break	
1000 - 1130	Trauma Response, the Neurobiology of Trauma & Trauma-informed Care	Jennifer McNew
1130 – 1200	Case Studies: Acute Pediatric Sexual Assault, Non-acute Pediatric Sexual Assault, Child Death	Jennifer McNew
1200 - 1245	Lunch	
1245 – 1345	The Role of the Children's Advocacy Center	Megan Gagorik, Executive Director, Ahsley Ceccacci, Director of Forensic Services
1345 - 1515	Preparing for Court	Jennifer McNew
1515 - 1530	Break	
1530 - 1630	Testifying at Trial	Jennifer McNew
1630 - 1730	Sexual Offenders & Suspect Exams	Jennifer McNew
60 minutes	Homework: Pediatric Case Study	Self-paced

	Day 6 – October 2, 2026	
Hours	Content	Presenter
0730 – 0745	Questions/concerns from yesterday, turn in homework	Jennifer McNew
0745 – 0845	The Role of Law Enforcement	Detective Alexandra Nolan, Luzerne County D.A.'s Office
0845 – 0945	The Role of the Prosecutor Assistant District Attorney Allyson Kacmarski	First Assistant District Attorney Anthony Ross, Luzerne County
0945 – 1000	Break	
1000 - 1100	Group Exercise	Jennifer McNew
1100 - 1200	Adult & Pediatric Case Study Homework Review	Jennifer McNew
1200 – 1245	Lunch	
1245 – 1445	Vicarious Trauma & Burnout	Jennifer McNew
1445 - 1500	Break	Jennifer McNew
1500 - 1630	Testing your Knowledge	Jennifer McNew
1630 - 1700	Wrap-up, Preparing your CV, Clinical Preceptorship & Next Steps	Jennifer McNew