

FRSC 498

"Introduction to Forensic Nursing"

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Tuesdays, 6-8:50pm CKB 126 New Course for Fall 2020 FRSC 498

Special Topics in Forensic Science

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Course Description: Forensic nursing addresses issues related to both health care and the law. This course will introduce students to the many subspecialties in forensic nursing, and how they are utilized in the criminal justice system. Forensic nursing draws from the knowledge of several disciplines: Forensic Science, Medicine, Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice and Public Health. Students will be introduced to the science of forensic nursing, and how it works in conjunction with crime labs, law enforcement agencies, and in the court system.

Instructor: Prof. Christine Ruggiero, MSFP, BSN, RN, FN-CSA, CFN, is the Forensic Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Coordinator for the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. As an FNE/SART coordinator, Prof. Ruggiero is tasked with coordinating the 24/7 response of Forensic Nurse Examiners to address the medical and forensic needs of sexual assault victims throughout Essex County. She is a Board Certified Forensic Nurse, a Board Certified Forensic Consultant and a Diplomat of the American Board of Forensic Nursing. She also holds a Masters of Science in Forensic Psychology.

