

Lafayette Parish Coroner's Office Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

This full time SANE provides professional nursing care to patients in need of a forensic evaluation, as directed by and in consultation with medical staff in the response facility. Works as a SANE for the Lafayette Parish Coroner's Office (LPCO) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners' (SANE) Program under the supervision of the LPCO SANE Coordinator. Conducts educational programs and community awareness presentations and participates in education of healthcare providers, law enforcement and the public as necessary. Initiates measures to obtain SANE-A certification within a year of hire and initiate SANE-P certification within two years of hire.

As a LPCO SANE, provides nursing care in accordance with Louisiana nursing regulations, the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act, Louisiana state laws and statutes, International Association of Forensic Nurse Standards of Care and Educational Guidelines, and guidelines of the Department of Justice.

Call rotation is required and is a core component of this position. Must meet at least the minimal call schedule hours as directed by the LPCO SANE Coordinator. Includes week day/night, and weekend call to include holidays. Must be flexible to adjust work hours upon occasion to meet the needs of the program and survivors. Arrive on time and ready to work for scheduled shifts or rollouts.

Maintain skill necessary to provide the highest standard of care of survivors presenting for evaluation of a sexual assault. Participate in a CQI process and chart audits as directed by the LPCO SANE Coordinator.

Maintain professional relationship with advocacy agencies and Sexual Assault Response Centers in the Acadiana region.

When called to a facility, collaborate with participating hospital and other clinical locations to ensure that the SANE program operates in accordance with facility policies and procedures. Respond immediately to concerns identified.

Document and maintain clinical records in accordance with HIPAA and chain of custody guidelines.

Follow all LPCO SANE Program policies and procedures and complete all required Lafayette Parish Government required trainings upon hire and as required annually.

Respond to survivor request for medical records, in accordance with statutory mandates of LA R.S. 40:1216.1 <http://legis.la.gov/legis/Law.aspx?d=965154>

Provide education to health care providers, first responders, and the community to increase awareness and understanding of sexual assault.

Provide fact / expert testimony regarding assessment, evidence collection and handling, and documentation.

Position Requirements (Minimum qualifications for the position)

1. Licensure / Certification / Registration: Current, unrestricted Louisiana licensure as a registered nurse in Louisiana. Current CPR certification required. SANE-A certification preferred.
2. Education: Graduate of an accredited school preparing registered nurses.
3. Experience: Must have two years' experience as a registered nurse in a clinical setting. Preferred areas of experience as emergency nursing, women's health, crisis counseling and/or forensic nursing.
4. Special qualifications: must be able to successfully completed establish competencies for the position within designated probationary period. Effective communication skills, both oral and written. Computer skills needed.
5. Hours of work: Salaried full time position with call rotation required.

Interested candidates can send their resume to tsuire@lafayettela.gov.