

## Chapter 1 : Introductory Guide to Forensic Social Work / Criminal Justice Social Work

*Hints for Forensic Practice A Monograph on Certain Rules Appertaining to the Subject of Judicial Proof by Theodore F. C. Demarest A Monograph on Certain Rules Appertaining to the Subject of Judicial Proof.*

**Basic Measuring Tools** The first point to consider is a good set of simple measuring tools. These are used for the simple measurements of key elements of the text to determine important differences and discrepancies. A difference in the height of a particular letter, the width between them and word spacing could make all the difference. Some of these tools will include metric rulers, calipers, and various glass alignment plates. Another tool that will be of great use for many handwriting experts is a measurement reticle. This magnifying eyepiece has an engraved measurement scale for greater precision when comparing documents. Of course, this is not the only magnifying tool that forensic analysts need. **Magnifiers And Microscopes** Forensic document examiners will use a variety of microscopic equipment over many different cases to find tiny details. These start with simple hand-held magnifiers, which can enlarge the script from between 2 and ten times. A more careful analysis may require a stronger, stable microscope. Binocular microscopes allow the user to see through two eyepieces for a more comfortable experience and greater focus. The more expensive and more capable the microscope, the better the features. Some offer a small magnification of 10X while others go as high as 50X. Go too high and the field of vision becomes far too narrow. Some have the ability to record footage for better record keeping for cases. **Light Sources** A lot of the work needed for handwriting forensics cannot be carried out with the naked eye or even a straightforward microscope. There are plenty of altered documents with clues that are seemingly invisible, such as erased areas and indentations. Analysts can use transmitted light, ultraviolet light, and infra-red light to uncover different issues. The transmits light is given by a light box with a treat fluorescent light bulb. UV and IR light sources provide simple changes in the light spectrum that reveal different marks and colors. **Photographic Equipment** Photographic equipment can be used in some ways to take advantage of the tools on offer. As we can see above. Still, cameras and video cameras add another element to microscopic equipment to provide a record of what is seen. Photographic equipment can also be used to working with the different lighting tools above. A camera with an IR or UV filter can clearly see the issues highlighted under the conditions and record them. This is all crucial for creating a solid record of evidence for a case. Clients dealing with criminal acts of forgery or altered documents need more than a verbal opinion if they are going to court. Photographs provide this physical evidence. The best-equipped labs will have a high-quality digital camera with all the right filters, lenses and extension tubes. **Computer Equipment** Computers have come into play in handwriting assessment more and more in recent years. There are two important reasons for this. First, forge documents and questionable documents are not all handwritten. There are computer tools that can be use and analysts need to be able to determine this. Forensic document analysis is all about evolution. This is observed in the development of typewritten document analysis and it has progress again. Secondly, computers are essential for record keeping. Photographs are a small part of the physical evidence that experts can present in court. Clients and examiners need a full, detailed report of the whole case, and this requires a computer with the right software. Many examiners will focus on the equipment needed to get the results and overlook the condition of the lab. There are lots of different types of portable air conditioners out there that can do the job. Buyers simply need to check the specifications to see what size room it can handle and how portable it is. The best models are small and quiet with a powerful motor and light weight. There is a reason why Federal and State cases turn to specialist labs where qualified experts can run the appropriate tests. A trainee examiner needs to have used these items to present the required documentation of skills and gain references for certification. A certified examiner needs to be confident in using all of them to be able to take on any case. This then ensures that examiners can take a case to court and forgers can bring to justice.

## Chapter 2 : Hints for Forensic Practice

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**Other Salary Considerations** When you evaluate a total compensation package, look at the big picture. Does the employer provide continuing education tuition support and paid education days? How many paid days off can employees earn per year? Be sure to research the cost of living expenses in your chosen geographic area, including housing, taxes, transportation costs, and many others. Advanced practice salaries are affected by the same factors that shape RN salaries nationwide.

**Part Three** What is the career outlook for forensic nurses? The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that nursing employment will grow at a rate of 16 percent through -- much faster than the average for all jobs. Plus, the aging of baby boomer nurses who are nearing retirement and the growing health demands of boomers are causing a current and predicted future nursing shortage. In addition to the growing need for nurses, violent crime is ever-present in our society. Although crime rates in the U. Some statistics that may affect the demand for forensic nurses in the future:

**Part Four** How do I become a forensic nurse? Forensic nurses require a mixture of nursing science and legal expertise. Here are the steps for becoming a forensic nurse.

**Step One** Earn your nursing degree. You must first graduate from one of the following: Once you pass this exam, you may apply for your first nursing job.

**Step Three** Gain relevant experience. Forensic nursing employers most often will prefer that you have prior clinical nursing experience. A background in medical-surgical, pediatric, or psychiatric nursing for nurses wishing to pursue forensic psychiatric nursing is a good start.

**Step Four** Consider a forensic nursing certificate program. Certificate programs can train you for the unique skills needed for this specialty. They include programs in continuing education or post-graduate departments of nursing schools. Certificate programs vary in length and may include a practicum. Earning this type of certificate is not the same thing as becoming board certified in forensic nursing. These degrees prepare you to work in clinical forensic roles, teaching, legal nurse consulting, research, forensic psychiatric nursing evaluation of alleged perpetrators of violent crime , violence prevention programs, and roles that require collaboration with the criminal justice system. Bear in mind that having an advanced degree in forensic nursing is not a guarantee of finding a forensic nursing job that fits. You may need to be creative and advocate for a role that matches your level of expertise. It also demonstrates your commitment to the profession. Before taking the exam, candidates must have at least two years of experience as a registered nurse and meet any other eligibility criteria established by the Forensic Nursing Certification Board. Certification exams are offered twice a year, in May and October, and can be taken at testing sites across the U. This certification requires submitting a portfolio documenting your expertise rather than taking an exam and involves a stringent peer review process. Some communities use RNs as coroners or death investigators. Check with your local agencies to see if they currently hire nurses as death investigators, and if so, the type of education and experience you need to qualify. Some universities offer courses in forensic nursing, either as electives for undergraduates or as part of a graduate degree in forensic nursing.

**Part Six** What is it like to be a forensic nurse? Violence is a healthcare problem. Forensic nurses work to end violence, help victims through the experience, and work closely with the criminal justice system to support investigative and legal processes. Forensic nursing is an emotionally challenging field. Developing good self-care practices is critical to keeping professional and personal balance. The IAFN recommends that you read about vicarious trauma so you know how a forensics career can affect your personal and professional life. It also advises watching the following documentary video on forensic nursing: Forensic nurses may work in the following settings:

### Chapter 3 : Bio Forensic Science Test - ProProfs Quiz

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**Expanding Forensic Nursing Practice** The need to provide health care solutions to victims of interpersonal violence goes beyond care for the sexual assault survivor. Many SANE programs are recognizing the need to use their unique abilities to evaluate and treat trauma by providing care for other populations. This chapter will explore how to expand your SANE program to provide care to other patients who are victims of violence or other forms of trauma. SANEs typically have skills that would be useful when working with other populations and in other health care settings. These skills include the ability to document injury, including photo documentation, collecting and preserving forensic evidence, testifying with regard to the injury and evidence collected, providing trauma-informed care , and working collaboratively with community partners such as advocacy and criminal justice practitioners. Having these skills make SANEs the ideal providers to deal with many types of patients beyond sexual assault patients. Before looking at expansion, there are several factors to consider: Is someone else already providing the service successfully? Duplication of services may not be necessary. It is important to collaborate with community partners and others who may offer similar services. Does adequate staffing exist to expand the program? Do the nurses and other program staff support expansion? If the nurses are not prepared to take on other patient populations, staff turmoil may result. In addition, input from the nurses may identify potential benefits or obstacles to expansion. Is there a source of reimbursement for the expanded services? Are medical staff with the appropriate skills readily available to provide consultation for more medically challenging or complicated patients? For instance, if the program is planning to see victims of strangulation, there must be appropriate diagnostic testing and interpretation services available. Do the resources exist to provide the necessary additional nursing education, supplies, and other expenses that will be needed to expand the practice? Providing additional education may have significant costs both in providing didactic as well as clinical training for onboarding of staff. Prior to expansion, consider the following for each type of forensic patient: If expansion results in increased court time, will the expenses and time away from patient care be covered? Will there be additional equipment needs based on an increase in patient volume and diversity? How will you prioritize forensic patients when you have two or more at the same time?

### Chapter 4 : Expanding Forensic Nursing Practice

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Vulnerable populations that forensic social workers serve include but are not limited to incarcerated youth and adults, recently released inmates, children who are victims of neglect, and victims of domestic or sexual abuse. Due to the specialized needs of the populations they work with, forensic social workers tend to have a strong clinical social work background so that they can complete psychosocial and risk assessments, provide effective therapeutic services, and implement crisis interventions for clients who have often experienced severe trauma and grapple with significant social, emotional, psychological, and behavioral challenges. For example, the duties of a social worker at a domestic violence crisis center will typically differ substantially from the responsibilities of a social worker at a correctional facility. Social work students who are interested in forensic social work should research the types of positions that interest them, and build their internship experiences and professional skill sets around their desired career path.

#### Work Settings and Responsibilities of Forensic Social Workers

Forensic social workers work in an incredibly wide variety of settings, including but not limited to courthouses, correctional facilities and juvenile hall, psychiatric hospitals, rape crisis centers, domestic violence support centers, and legal advocacy groups, just to name a few. Their daily and long-term responsibilities tend to vary according to their specific work setting and the populations they serve. Below is an in-depth description of some of the common settings in which forensic social workers work.

#### Correctional Facilities

Forensic social workers can work in correctional facilities to support inmates at the moment of their incarceration, throughout the duration of their internment, and upon their release. Some of their core duties include but are not limited to: Intake Coordination, Psychiatric Evaluations, and Support: Forensic social workers at jails may work in intake services, providing support services, psychiatric evaluations, and risk assessments to individuals entering custody. The mental health evaluations and risk assessments that forensic social workers conduct are essential in jail settings, as they allow correctional staff to understand and meet the mental and physical health needs of inmates. Inmates may suffer from trauma, mental health problems, substance abuse, and emotional regulation issues, and in these cases forensic social workers may provide emotional support and counseling, and in severe cases recommend specialized housing or a hold an involuntary psychiatric hold. Due to their importance in connecting inmates to the care they require, intake assessments tend to be very thorough and detailed. Forensic social workers in correctional settings also support inmates throughout their tenure at the jail, ensuring that they receive the resources they need to address any emotional trauma, mental illness, as well as emotional or relational issues. Finney not only coordinates the care of incoming inmates, but also provides short-term counseling and emotional support. When working with inmates, social workers collaborate and are in regular communication with a larger team of law enforcement, legal, and medical professionals to determine the best plans of care for incarcerated clients. Forensic social workers in jail settings also play a crucial role in helping inmates transition to society upon their release. Forensic social workers work to prevent these relapses by connecting recently released inmates and individuals on probation to mental health support personnel, supportive or therapeutic groups, and community resources. They may also follow up with individuals on probation to see if they are acclimating appropriately to daily life post-release. The services that forensic social workers in psychiatric hospitals provide are typically very similar to those that social workers at correctional facilities offer. Forensic social workers who work at psychiatric departments of hospitals tend to work with individuals suffering from severe psychological conditions, and may specialize in a specific population.

#### Care Coordination

Forensic social workers at psychiatric hospitals tend to follow their clients through multiple systems and situations, particularly if these clients have been recently released from jail. Forensic social workers at hospitals often provide intensive wraparound services to their clients in collaboration with other medical, mental health, and human services professionals. Forensic social workers also do not necessarily stay in the hospital setting, and

can travel to locations where their clients need direct support or assistance. Psychological Evaluations and Therapy Forensic social workers use a wide variety of therapeutic methods to help clients address the complex mental and emotional challenges they face. Teaching basic social skills and life skills hygiene, money management is always valuable. For instance, when a client gets out of jail, they have nothing; no place to live, no money, no food. We do the best we can to support and stabilize them during this difficult time. In addition to helping clients navigate relevant community and government resources, forensic social workers provide emotional support and general life guidance, such as day-to-day living and forming positive habits. In describing her work with clients, Ms. Mental health courts are an important part of the criminal justice system; these specialized courts support inmates and individuals on probation by connecting them to mental health specialists and community resources, and providing support services to assist criminal offenders in their re-entry into society. To receive these benefits from mental health courts, participants must develop and commit to a plan for behavioral changes in collaboration with forensic social workers. If they get chosen, they can opt in or out. If they opt in, they are mandated to participate in such services as medication, mental health counseling, and drug rehab. Berman, who also works with BHC participants, described how many of them must attend therapeutic groups. Forensic social workers who work with BHC and similar courts will often monitor client progress and report back to the courts. Crisis Centers and Victim Support Programs Forensic social workers can also work closely with the victims of violence, neglect, and other hardships to provide emotional support, therapy, legal guidance, and connections to relevant community resources. Examples of settings in which forensic social workers help victims may include but are not limited to rape crisis centers, domestic violence organizations, and child welfare agencies, as well as correctional facilities and juvenile hall. Similarly to forensic social workers in correctional and psychiatric settings, social workers who help victimized or traumatized individuals complete a wide variety of rigorous responsibilities. Core tasks that forensic social workers perform at crisis centers and victim support programs include crisis interventions, legal advocacy and guidance, counseling and therapy, individual and community education, and program development. Crisis Intervention Services Forensic social workers who work with victims of abuse or trauma provide crisis interventions on a regular basis. We also responded to pediatric SARTs children 12 and under. Through accompanying them, we could walk them through the process, while providing information and very important emotional support. In addition to crisis interventions, forensic social workers can provide continual, long-term support to victims who decide to take their case to court. Peloquin said in describing her individual work with victims at the Rape Crisis Center. Sometimes victims of sexual abuse or other crimes do not come forward until months or years after the experience, and in these cases forensic social workers inform victims of their legal options, and what the process of pursuing justice would look like in the short and long-term. Forensic social workers in this area of work communicate and collaborate regularly with law enforcement, lawyers, and the courts in order to help victims receive the services and community support they need. Peloquin, victims of abuse often need compassionate support and targeted therapy both individually and potentially in groups to help them process and manage the mental, emotional, and behavioral ramifications of the traumas they have experienced. In addition, as testifying in court can often be a difficult experience for victims of crimes, forensic social workers help their clients maintain resilience as they revisit past traumas. Peloquin also noted that forensic social workers do not need to work at crisis and victim support centers to help victims of violence and other crimes; in correctional facilities, perpetrators are often victims of crime or traumas themselves. The majority of prevention education was facilitated in school settings elementary, middle and high school and college , but we also provided presentations for the community at large. For example, during her time at the Rape Crisis Center, Ms. In my roles as Client Services Coordinator and Director, I wrote about this issue in grant reports in an effort to bring attention to the need for additional funding and specialized services for these youth. We also provided specialized training for advocates who provided intervention services for these youth. Social workers in these settings may collaborate with a larger team of legal professionals to represent vulnerable individuals in court matters and work on advocacy initiatives to improve services for populations in need. Important tasks that forensic social workers complete in advocacy groups include legal investigations and research, individualized and macro-level advocacy, and

legal counseling and guidance. Legal Investigative Work and Advocacy Forensic social workers at legal advocacy organizations can provide services at both the micro and the macro levels to help individuals involved in the criminal justice system who need support, guidance, and a voice in legal proceedings. Jessica Warner, LMSW, who was a Forensic Social Worker at The Legal Aid Society for over eight years, described the many kinds of responsibilities she had while working with and for children in New York City who are involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Warner also coordinated and collaborated with other organizations and programs with similar missions to help NYC youth. In doing all of this work, I [was] part of an interdisciplinary team and each case or other form of advocacy involves at least one attorney and usually a paralegal. During her first few years at the Society, for example, Ms. Warner provided legal counsel, crisis intervention services, emotional support, and psychosocial assessment services to youth involved in juvenile delinquency, child protection, and persons in need of supervision PINS cases. That is how you get to know the nuances of the real issues that real human beings face. In general, however, social work students interested in forensic social work should prepare for this challenging field of work by taking relevant coursework, seeking field internships in criminal justice settings, and participating in criminal justice-related work outside of their schooling. Students interested in forensic social work should aim to gain a solid understanding of the challenges the populations they wish to help face ex. They should also try to build a strong set of clinical social work skills, including but not limited to conducting psychosocial and risk assessments, implementing crisis interventions, and using different kinds of psychotherapeutic methods to support individuals dealing with trauma and severe mental health issues for more information on clinical social work skills and modalities, please see our Guide to Clinical Social Work. In addition to the aforementioned topics, students interested in forensic social work would benefit from a solid understanding of the criminal justice system, law, and political advocacy. Classes that focus on specific issues that forensic social workers encounter, such as substance abuse and family dynamics, may also be helpful. Many social work programs have one or more of each as electives. She also recommended that students try and complete their field placement at an organization that has a mission that aligns with their interests, such as an association that does advocacy work. While some MSW programs may have a specific concentration in forensic or criminal justice social work, many do not, and thus social work students should consciously select courses that help them build the knowledge and skills they will need on the job. Berman recommended that students also look into classes about care coordination for the homeless and therapy for trauma. She also encouraged social work students to really advocate for their field placement goals and needs during their MSW program. Berman similarly suggests that prospective criminal justice social workers build relationships with current professionals in the field. I have been impressed at how open social workers are to mentoring each other. These children are not seen and heard enough, and when they are, they are often still ignored. Because the truth is no matter how hard you work, it will never be enough. It is something that has to be seriously considered when working in this field, as it can lead to burn out. I would say that self-care is non-negotiable in this work. It is important to not take it all on, but just as important not to become desensitized. The work may be hard, but the clients inspire hope every day. Peloquin also emphasized the importance of working with resilient and supportive colleagues. Peloquin noted that her knowledge of the importance of her efforts, and her direct interactions with victims of sexual violence, were key rewards of her work at the YWCA Rape Crisis Center. I really enjoyed every facet of the work. The most rewarding experience was my direct service work clients. Everyday I witnessed such bravery, strength and resilience from those who had experienced significant trauma. That was the work that was most profound and the work that will be forever held in my heart. Bearing witness to their first breath of freedom as they leave the jail is beautiful. Also, through connections with others working in the field, I knew that this is a time of enormous policy reforms, the largest since de-institutionalization of the state hospitals, that are increasingly transferring the responsibility for supervising adults with mental illness and criminal histories from the state institutions to county community health clinics. I wanted to be on the ground as this transition takes place. Roberts also cited academic and intellectual curiosity about the criminal justice system as reasons behind her decision to become a forensic social worker. This was a very exciting challenge to face going into grad school. The opinions

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### Chapter 6 : A Guide To Forensic Handwriting Analysis Equipment

*Forensic nursing practice is grounded in the rich bio-psycho-social-spiritual education of registered nurses and uses the nursing process to diagnose and treat individuals, families, and communities affected by violence and trauma, and the systems that respond to them.*

### Chapter 7 : Forensic Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice

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