

University of Scranton to Sponsor Forensic Nursing Seminar

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The Department of Nursing at The University of Scranton will sponsor a seminar to help nurses deal with violence and its aftermath. Entitled "Means, Motive & Opportunity: Forensic Nursing," the conference will run from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, in Room 228, Brennan Hall, Madison Street, Scranton.

Keynote speaker will be Ann Wolbert Burgess, DNSc, RNCS, FAAN. Dr. Burgess is an internationally recognized pioneer for her work with victims of trauma and abuse. A recipient of numerous honors, including the Sigma Theta Tau International Audrey Hepburn Award, the American Nurses' Association Hildegard Peplau Award, and the Sigma Theta Tau International Episteme Laureate Award, Dr. Burgess has worked with FBI Academy special agents to study serial offenders, and the links between child abuse, juvenile delinquency, and subsequent perpetration. Her work continues in the study of elder abuse in nursing homes, cyberstalking, and Internet sex crimes.

A prolific researcher, Dr. Burgess is the author of numerous books and more than 100 articles on issues such as psychiatric nursing, sexual assault victims and serial offenders, and child molesters. Her latest book is *Violence through a Forensic Lens, 2nd Edition*.

Forensic nursing is the application of the nursing science to public or legal proceedings, the application of the forensic aspects of nursing in the scientific investigation and treatment of trauma and/or death of victims and perpetrators of abuse, violence, criminal activity, traumatic accidents, and environmental hazards.

Forensic nurses work in a number of settings with a variety of clients, including victims and perpetrators of intrafamilial violence and sexual assault, criminal offenders with psychiatric problems and other criminal offenders, trauma victims, juvenile delinquents, and victims of environmental hazards. Career settings include emergency health services, schools, psychiatric facilities, outpatient and community health settings, correctional facilities, and legal consulting in the court system.

The registration fee for the seminar is \$10 for students (with identification), or \$35 for other participants. The fee includes lunch and distributed materials.

The conference will take place during National Nurses Week, which begins May 4.

For further information, call The University of Scranton's Department of Nursing at (570) 941-7673.