Forensic Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice

This new edition is the premier resource by forensic nurses for forensic nurses. Working at the intersections of multiple health and legal systems, the forensic nurse practices nationally and globally, providing specialized nursing care and treatment, which focuses on those affected by violence and trauma, be they individuals, families, communities, or populations.

Continuing and building on over 20 years of collaboration with ANA, IAFN assembled a team of forensic nursing experts to revise the previous edition. The result: the most current and comprehensive delineation of the practice and professional performance common to and expected of forensic RNs and APRNs. Among the topics covered: forensic nursing’s roles and practice domains, such as sexual violence, intimate partner violence, medicolegal death investigation, and psychiatric–mental health and correctional settings; educational preparation for forensic nursing; applying the nine provisions of the Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements in practice; the wide array of forensic nursing skills; trends and issues, including interprofessional education, the challenges of digital technologies, the accessibility of forensic nursing services, and forensic nursing research; the global reach and international contexts of forensic nursing practice; updated competencies lend specificity to the publication’s 19 standards statements. Each standard’s set of competencies can be evidence of compliance with that standard. As a whole, these competencies can frame the evaluation of practice outcomes and goals of forensic nurses and delineate what is expected of their practice by their healthcare peers and others. Its scope of practice—the what, how, where, when, who, and why of their practice—is the context for applying these standards. Forensic Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, 2nd Edition covers the full extent of forensic nursing practice at all levels and in all settings and roles. It is a must-have for both the practicing and aspiring forensic nurse and a useful resource for allied interprofessional practitioners and stakeholders.