

Forensic Nursing - Excellence



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Work Setting: HaysMed SANE/SART Clinical Coordinator

Jessica should be recognized for her passion for caring for victims of sexual assault and for training others to provide exceptional care as well. Her role in my life has been to help establish a brand new sexual assault program in my community. I came into contact with her when we were first beginning to look at what it would take to get our program up and running. Our Kansas Rural Sexual Assault Project Manager gave me her information and recommended I speak with her about what we might need.

I emailed Jessica, and since then she has been my mentor in providing care for sexual assault patients. She kindly and patiently answered countless emails, phone calls and questions to help us start from the ground up. She has guided us in creating policies, given us recommendations and guidance for training, and relayed tips on how to sustain our program. She also knew the difficulty we would have in getting hands on experience, so she worked hard and fast to get a training established for us and other learning nurses to attend to gain some hands on experience and knowledge to continue the process, as well as provided me with countless resources to continue our education. She has always taken the time to walk me through things and provide me with answers, and she does so without any complaint or hesitation.

Jessica's enthusiasm in helping us assure we had all we needed to have a great program provided us with the support that we needed to begin providing care for patients of sexual assault. Her passion in this field is contagious, and I am thankful she has shared it with me and I am very grateful she was placed in my life to help us along this journey.