

## USA SOUTH SANES Community Pathway

<p><b>1. Completion of initial survey.</b> See the google pre-enrollment link survey link on the USA SOUTH SANES webpage home.</p>
<p><b>2. Completion of commitment letter.</b> Contact the SOUTH SANES program coordinator at southsanes@southalabama.edu to obtain.</p>
<p><b>3. Purchasing or obtaining required textbooks.</b> Sexual Assault, 2nd ed., Three Volume Set, by Giardino, A., Faugno, D., Spencer, M., Weaver, M., &amp; Speck, P., published by STM Learning, Inc. St. Louis. These textbooks are available via the USA biomedical library for check-out. IAFN Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Certification textbook is needed for the SANE examination preparation. Both textbooks may be offered to you at no cost if grant funding is available. Contact the SOUTH SANES program coordinator at southsanes@southalabama.edu to obtain.</p>
<p><b>4. Completion of the SANE online didactic course(s).</b> Online SANE didactic courses: SOUTH SANES offers SANE-A or SANE-P didactic education online via a partnership with the International Association of Forensic Nursing (IAFN). Typically, SANE-A provides 41 hours of approved CE and SANE-P provides 43 hours. Simulation Training (see item 5) requires proof of recent completion of an IAFN approved course. USA accepts SANE A or SANE P IAFN approved didactic course to grant registration access to Simulation Training. Contact the SOUTH SANES program coordinator at southsanes@southalabama.edu to register.</p>
<p><b>5. Completion of an on-campus, 2-day SANE skills lab (offered three times annually).</b> Simulated patient training experiences are provided at no charge to grantee students via the USA Simulation Center if grant funding is available. IAFN approved training facility. The clinical programs are CE approved by ANCC for 16 clinical hours toward SANE certification. Proof of completion of an IAFN approved SANE didactic course is required prior to participation in the Simulation Program (see item 1 above). During Sim Lab, students receive instruction under the supervision of SANE-trained and SANE-certified faculty utilizing Gynecological Teaching Assistants (GTAs) standardized patients (SP). This is a live, on-campus training that prepares the SANE trainee to provide nursing care after sexual assault including evidence collection and testimony. Contact the SOUTH SANES program coordinator at southsanes@southalabama.edu to apply for registration.</p>
<p><b>6. Completion of 300 hours of preceptorship training.</b> The SANE certification exam requires 300 clinical hours once the two-day simulation training is complete. The SANE didactic (41-43 hours) and the Simulation Training (16 hours) [items 1 and 2] count toward the prerequisite hours for the certification exam. Access to acceptable types of clinical experiences may vary by community (e.g., SART or MDT, child advocacy centers, rape crisis and victim counseling, crisis hot lines, public health departments, medical offices and women's clinics, forensic labs, and legal proceedings). Support, education, and training are provided through multiple clinical opportunities. Experiences are designed to include preceptor orientation, professional and skill development including utilization of telehealth in providing SANE nursing support. In addition to preparing the trainee for practice and certification, clinical site/preceptor matching will be facilitated through academic-clinical partnerships such as the Simulation Lab. For trainees e.g., sub-specialty trainees, preceptors in clinical practice conducting exams on patients who have been sexually assaulted will participate in ongoing telehealth and/or live, in person mentoring. Experienced SANE preceptors will support education and training for nurses seeking to obtain the 300 SANE-related practice hours necessary for certification.</p>
<p><b>7. Studying and taking the SANE Certification Exam (available twice yearly in September and April).</b> Currently, the IAFN offers international nursing certification for the SANE trained nurse who has obtained 300 clinical hours prior to the examination. The SOUTH SANES community student will diligently pursue the SANE-A or SANE-P certification and all completion requirements (see IAFN Certification Guidelines for additional information @ <a href="http://www.iafn.org">www.iafn.org</a>). Once all requirements are complete, you can register for the examination at no cost if grant funding is available. Contact the SOUTH SANES program coordinator at southsanes@southalabama.edu to register.</p>