

## **INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC NURSING AND INDIAN LAWS**

**PLACEMENT:** V SEMESTER

**THEORY:** 1 Credit (20 hours)

**DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed to help students to know the importance of forensic science in total patient care and to recognize forensic nursing as a specialty discipline in professional nursing practice.

**COMPETENCIES:** On completion of the course, the students will be able to

1. Identify forensic nursing as an emerging specialty in healthcare and nursing practice
2. Explore the history and scope of forensic nursing practice
3. Identify forensic team, role and responsibilities of forensic nurse in total care of victim of violence and in preservation of evidence
4. Develop basic understanding of the Indian judicial system and legal procedures

## COURSE OUTLINE

### T – Theory

Unit	Time (Hrs)	Learning Outcomes	Content	Teaching/ Learning Activities	Assessment Methods
I	3 (T)	Describe the nature of forensic science and discuss issues concerning violence	<b>Forensic Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Importance in medical science</li> <li>• Forensic Science Laboratory</li> </ul> <b>Violence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition</li> <li>• Epidemiology</li> <li>• Source of data</li> </ul> <b>Sexual abuse – child and women</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture cum discussion</li> <li>• Visit to Regional Forensic Science Laboratory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz – MCQ</li> <li>• Write visit report</li> </ul>
II	2 (T)	Explain concepts of forensic nursing and scope of practice for forensic nurse	<b>Forensic Nursing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition</li> <li>• History and development</li> <li>• Scope – setting of practice, areas of practice and subspecialties</li> <li>• Ethical issues</li> <li>• Roles and responsibilities of nurse</li> <li>• INC &amp; SNC Acts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture cum discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short answer</li> <li>• Objective type</li> </ul>
III	7 (T)	Identify members of forensic team and describe role of forensic nurse	<b>Forensic Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members and their roles</li> </ul> <b>Comprehensive forensic nursing care of victim and family</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical aspects</li> <li>• Psychosocial aspects</li> <li>• Cultural and spiritual aspects</li> <li>• Legal aspects</li> <li>• Assist forensic team in care beyond scope of her practice</li> <li>• Admission and discharge/referral/death of victim of violence</li> <li>• Responsibilities of nurse as a witness</li> </ul> <b>Evidence preservation – role of nurses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observation</li> <li>• Recognition</li> <li>• Collection</li> <li>• Preservation</li> <li>• Documentation of Biological and other evidence related to criminal/traumatic event</li> <li>• Forwarding biological samples for forensic examination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture cum Discussion</li> <li>• Hypothetical/real case presentation</li> <li>• Observation of post-mortem</li> <li>• Visit to department of forensic medicine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective type</li> <li>• Short answer</li> <li>• Write report</li> </ul>

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IV	3 (T)	Describe fundamental rights and human rights commission	<p><b>Introduction of Indian Constitution</b></p> <p><b>Fundamental Rights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rights of victim</li> <li>• Rights of accused</li> </ul> <p><b>Human Rights Commission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture cum discussion</li> <li>• Written Assignment</li> <li>• Visit to prison</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short answer</li> <li>• Assessment of written assignment</li> <li>• Write visit report</li> </ul>
V	5 (T)	<p>Explain Indian judicial system and laws</p> <p>Discuss the importance of POSCO Act</p>	<p><b>Sources of laws and law-making powers</b></p> <p><b>Overview of Indian Judicial System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JMFC (Judicial Magistrate First Class)</li> <li>• District</li> <li>• State</li> <li>• Apex</li> </ul> <p><b>Civil and Criminal Case Procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC (Indian Penal Code)</li> <li>• ICPC</li> <li>• IE Act (Indian Evidence Act)</li> </ul> <p><b>Overview of POSCO Act</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture cum discussion</li> <li>• Guided reading</li> <li>• Lecture cum discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz</li> <li>• Short answer</li> </ul>