



Forensic Training Program

For WACHS employees

This WA Health training programme addresses how to respond to recent sexual assault in adolescents and adults. It will provide the knowledge and basic skills required to provide relevant medical care, conduct a forensic examination, and collect appropriate forensic specimens for these patients.

The course is designed for Registered Nurses, Midwives and Doctors working in regional areas (or intending to do so in the near future).

Course Information

- Courses will be offered in Perth and regional areas each year; delivered by experienced SARC doctors
- WACHS will select course participants. Factors such as regional need will be taken into consideration.
- e-learning component to be completed prior to the course
- Doctors, Midwives and Registered Nurses are eligible to attend
- Provides an opportunity for doctors to upskill in this area
- Participants must complete the full 3 days and assessments
- Nurses and Midwives who successfully complete the course will be qualified to collect forensic specimens from patients who have been sexually assaulted, as approved by WA legislation, Criminal Investigation Act Amendment 2011
- A course overview is available on the SARC website

Expression of Interest (WACHS employees)

Employees of WACHS can submit an EOI [here](#) or at the QR code below.

(Information for people working outside WACHS is available on the SARC website)



WACHS queries: WACHS Nursing & Midwifery- Backup Nursing Support

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The Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC)

- **24-hour crisis** medical, forensic and counselling support following a sexual assault
- **Counselling** for recent and past sexual assault and sexual abuse
- State-wide **education and training**

24-hour crisis line for recent sexual assault

Telephone (08) 6458 1828 or 1800 199 888 (free from landlines only)

Crisis telephone support

8.30am - 11.00pm daily

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