



## FAQ – FERN clinical skills lab

What do I wear for the Clinical Skills Lab Training?

Comfortable wear that allows for movement and interactive learning.

Is Lunch included?

Yes! Lunch is provided both days by our local ER docs. Please contact/notify FERN if you have any dietary restrictions that need accommodation before the event.

What are the prerequisites before attending the skills lab?

Participants must:

- Be a licensed **Registered Nurse (RN)** or **Advanced Practice Provider (NP, PA, MD, or DO)**.
- Have successfully completed a **40-hour Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) didactic training course** prior to attending the lab.

The Clinical Skills Lab is designed to provide the hands-on clinical component of SANE/SAFE education and is intended for healthcare professionals who have already completed the foundational didactic training. To learn more, see available resources below:

- [International Association of Forensic Nurses \(IAFN\)](#) – Professional organization for forensic nurses, certification information, education, and clinical resources.
- [IAFN Adult/Adolescent SANE Course](#) – 41-contact-hour didactic course aligned with national SANE education standards.
- [Sigma Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program \(Online\)](#) – 44-contact-hour online SAFE/SANE foundation course aligned with IAFN guidelines.
- [DC Forensic Nurse Examiners 40-Hour Online SANE Training](#) – Self-paced 40-hour Adult/Adolescent SANE didactic course with CE credit.
- [SAFEta Project \(National Protocol Resources\)](#) – Free national best-practice guidance and technical assistance for sexual assault medical forensic exams.
- [Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination National Protocol \(DOJ\)](#) – Current national standard of care for adult/adolescent examinations.