

IAFN Restructuring

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Summary of Changes

IAFN will dissolve as a legal entity following the completion of our program transfers. The Board made this decision deliberately and with the mission at the forefront — by transferring its programs, community, and assets, IAFN ensures that forensic nurses continue to have a professional home and that patients continue to have access to expert forensic nursing care. This provides a summary of the transitions, and IAFN members will receive more detailed information about the dissolution, transition timeline, and membership transfer process in the coming weeks.

The **Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)** will assume stewardship of IAFN's full membership infrastructure. Current IAFN members will transition to ENA membership, gaining access to ENA's full suite of member benefits, professional networks, and community platforms. They will also take ownership of IAFN's complete education catalog, including all programs, courses, webinars, presentations, podcasts, guidelines and toolkits. All copyrighted works — including white papers, books, manuals, handbooks, and charts — as well as any other intellectual property used in connection with IAFN's offerings, products, and services will transfer in full, ensuring the breadth of IAFN's educational contribution to forensic nursing remains intact and accessible.

The *Journal of Forensic Nursing* will continue publication under **Wolters Kluwer**, preserving the field's premier peer-reviewed research outlet and protecting the scholarly record that forensic nursing practitioners and researchers depend on.

Forensic nursing certification will transition to the **American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)**, safeguarding the integrity and portability of credentials held by certified forensic nurses nationwide.

Together, these arrangements reflect IAFN's commitment to leaving nothing essential behind — ensuring that every pillar of the forensic nursing profession has a trusted institutional home.

Membership

- ENA will assume stewardship of IAFN's full membership infrastructure. Current IAFN members will transition to ENA membership, gaining access to ENA's full suite of member benefits, professional networks, and community platforms.

Education

- ENA will take ownership of IAFN's complete education catalog, including all programs, courses, webinars, presentations, podcasts, and workshops, along with all related content, materials, and author and speaker agreements licensing the rights in those materials. All copyrighted works — including white papers, books, manuals, handbooks, and charts — as well as any other intellectual property used in connection with IAFN's offerings, products, and services will transfer in full, ensuring the breadth of IAFN's educational contribution to forensic nursing remains intact and accessible.
- IAFN members will receive more detailed information about the dissolution, transition timeline, and membership transfer process in the coming weeks.
- **Will online courses still be available on IAFN's website/online learning center?**
 - No. As of March 5, 2026, purchase of any online courses with IAFN will not be allowed.
- **I am in the middle of a course. Will I be able to finish?**
 - Yes, but all online courses must be complete by April 1, 2026. **No exceptions.**
- **We obtained nursing CE through IAFN's Approvership program. If we were approved by IAFN, can we continue to grant that CE for our courses?**
 - No. We recommend you find another provider or approver of continuing nursing professional development to work with in order to continue to offer nursing CE for your activity. ANCC has a [searchable database](#) that can assist you.

Continuing Education/Seals of Approval

- **Our program/course received CE through the IAFN Approvership program. Are we still able to hold courses and grant CE?**
 - No. We recommend you find another provider or approver of continuing nursing professional development to work with in order to continue to offer nursing CE for your activity. ANCC has a [searchable database](#) that can assist you.

- **Our course received a formal “Seal of Approval” from IAFN. Are we still considered approved?**
 - Your Seal of Approval will be in effect until April 10, 2026, at which time it will expire.

Certification

Forensic nursing certification will transition to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), safeguarding the integrity and portability of credentials held by certified forensic nurses nationwide.

Certificants and potential certificants will receive more detailed information directly from ANCC.

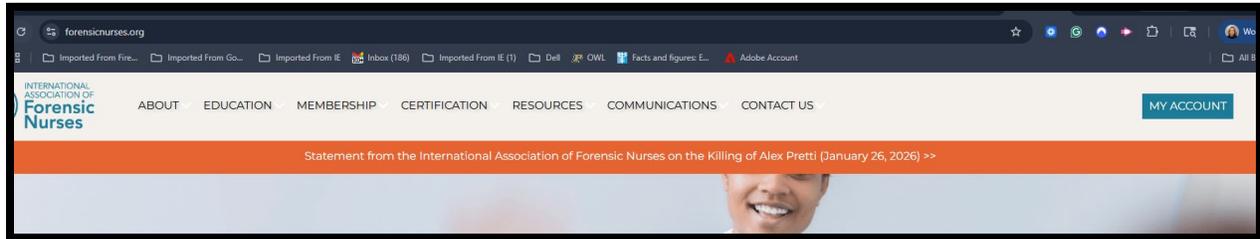
- **When will certification/recertification be available again?**
 - ANCC, as the recipient of IAFN’s certification programs, will ultimately determine future certification activities.
- **Is my certification still valid? If I hold a SANE-A or SANE-P certification, am I still certified?**
 - Yes, your certification is still valid. The exams are validated, psychometrically sound exams. *If you passed the exam and have maintained your certification, you may continue to use your credentials.* IAFN’s online searchable directory for SANE-A and SANE-P certifications will remain up to date.

Grants

- IAFN has voluntarily terminated all of its federal grant programs effective March 13, 2026.
- Any questions related to federal grants should be directed toward your grant managers or program specialists.

Critical Steps If You have received Education or Certification through IAFN

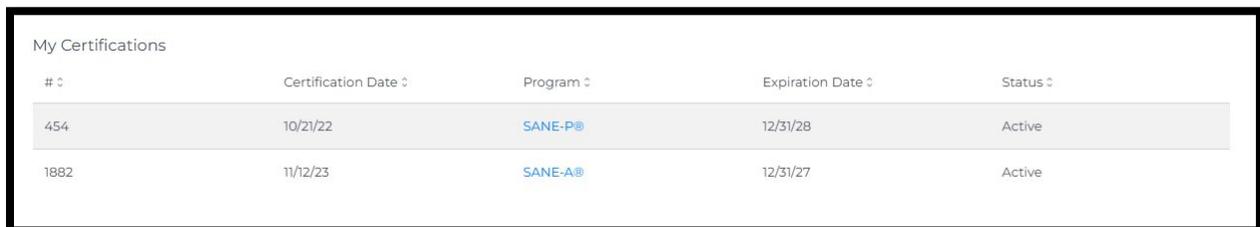
Login to forensicnurses.org



If you hold certification, go to “Certifications” “My Certifications”

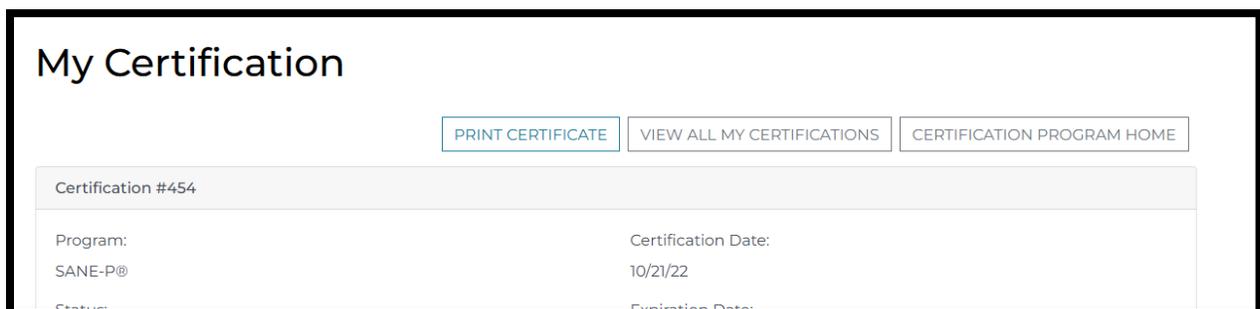


Your certifications list will appear. Click on the Certification name under Program



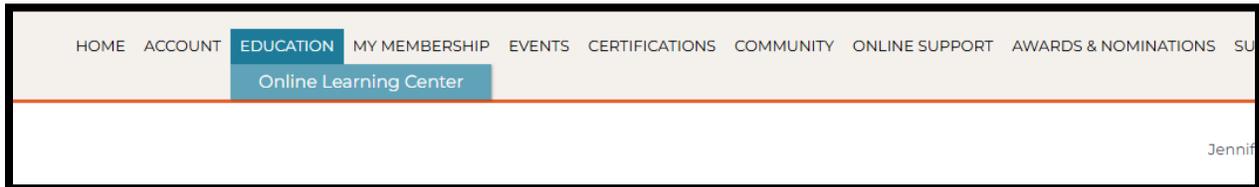
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454	10/21/22	SANE-P@	12/31/28	Active
1882	11/12/23	SANE-A@	12/31/27	Active

From here you will be able to choose the option “Print Certificate”



Save the certificate (Horizontal/Landscape format is best) as a pdf in your own computer files. Do this for each of your certifications so you have record of them.

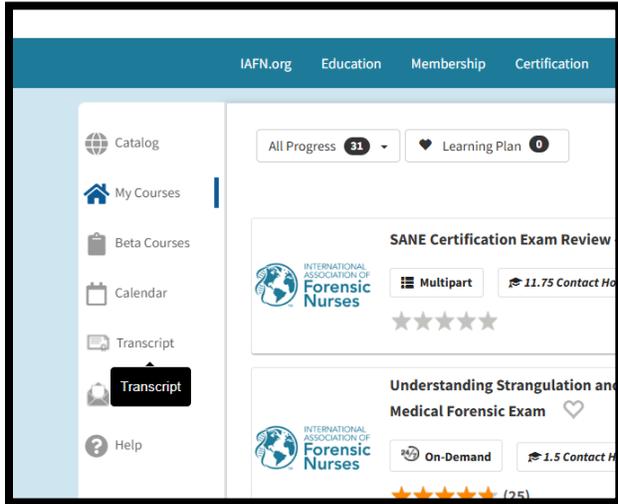
If you have completed courses in IAFN's online learning center, login as outlined above, and go to EDUCATION, Online Learning Center



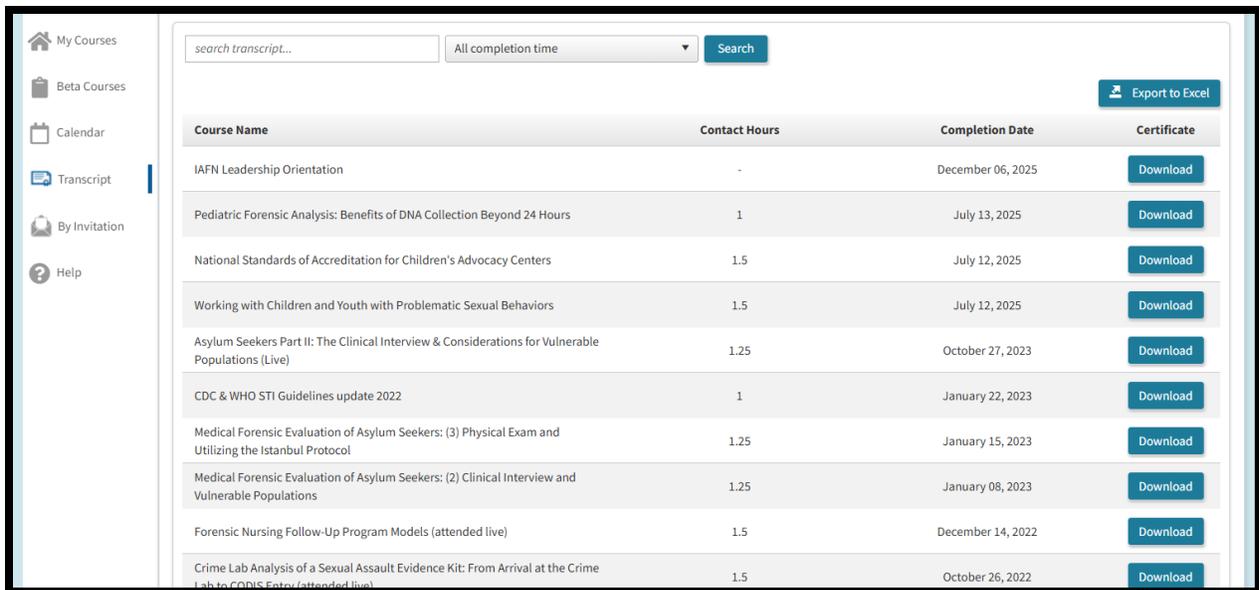
Go to "My courses" on the left side menu



Finish any coursework that is incomplete no later than April 1, 2026 at 5PM Eastern. Go to "Transcripts" on the left side menu



Here you will see a list of completed coursework, and on the right-hand side you can download each of the certificates. Download all of them for your records and save on your computer



The screenshot shows the 'Transcript' page with a search bar and a table of completed courses. The table has columns for Course Name, Contact Hours, Completion Date, and Certificate. An 'Export to Excel' button is located at the top right of the table.

Course Name	Contact Hours	Completion Date	Certificate
IAFN Leadership Orientation	-	December 06, 2025	Download
Pediatric Forensic Analysis: Benefits of DNA Collection Beyond 24 Hours	1	July 13, 2025	Download
National Standards of Accreditation for Children's Advocacy Centers	1.5	July 12, 2025	Download
Working with Children and Youth with Problematic Sexual Behaviors	1.5	July 12, 2025	Download
Asylum Seekers Part II: The Clinical Interview & Considerations for Vulnerable Populations (Live)	1.25	October 27, 2023	Download
CDC & WHO STI Guidelines update 2022	1	January 22, 2023	Download
Medical Forensic Evaluation of Asylum Seekers: (3) Physical Exam and Utilizing the Istanbul Protocol	1.25	January 15, 2023	Download
Medical Forensic Evaluation of Asylum Seekers: (2) Clinical Interview and Vulnerable Populations	1.25	January 08, 2023	Download
Forensic Nursing Follow-Up Program Models (attended live)	1.5	December 14, 2022	Download
Crime Lab Analysis of a Sexual Assault Evidence Kit: From Arrival at the Crime Lab to CODIS Entry (attended live)	1.5	October 26, 2022	Download

All downloads must be complete by April 1, 2026.

These documents will NOT be retrievable at any future time, so please ensure you retain your own copies.