



Community Updates

AFN collaborates and sometimes partners with many other professional associations or organizations that relate to forensic nursing. Examples include the FNCB, Sigma Theta Tau, TAANA, and other forensic nursing associations. All are welcome to submit an update of their organization's activities through the [JAFN website](#) under "community updates". Deadlines for submission are 4-6 weeks before publication closing dates (March 31, July 31, November 30). We are stronger together. Let us hear from you!

Forensic Nursing Certification Board (FNCB) Update

FNCB <https://goforensicncb.org/>

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Achieving the Interpersonal Violence Strangulation Evaluation micro-certification (IVSE-C) marks an important milestone in advancing your professional knowledge and skills. This accomplishment not only enhances your expertise but also empowers you to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by such critical incidents. Here is what Christine Foote-Lucero had to say when she passed IVSE-C:

Passing my board certification for Interpersonal Violence Strangulation Evaluation represents far more than an academic achievement—it is a deeply personal milestone in my journey as a forensic nurse. This certification affirms my commitment to providing the highest level of care to patients who experience some of the most traumatic and under-recognized forms of violence. Mastering the complexities of interpersonal violence and strangulation assessment, understanding its subtle presentations, and recognizing the profound medical and legal implications has strengthened my ability to advocate for patients whose voices are often minimized or overlooked. Earning this credential also signifies the culmination of years of experience, study, and dedication to advancing forensic practice. It reflects my belief that every patient deserves a clinician who is both compassionate and expertly prepared, especially in moments when their safety, health, and truth depend on meticulous evaluation. This certification validates the rigor and precision required to navigate these cases and inspires me to continue growing as a leader and educator within the forensic nursing community. It reminds me why I entered this field: to make a meaningful difference for individuals affected by violence and to help elevate standards of practice across our profession. Passing this board certification is not the end of a journey, but the beginning of an even stronger commitment to excellence, integrity, and patient-centered care. — **Christine Foote-Lucero**