

# Journal of Forensic Nursing<sup>®</sup>

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Greetings from the *Journal of Forensic Nursing*!

We are writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity for publications focused on approaches to sexual violence and intimate partner violence on college campuses in the context of forensic nursing. We are taking a broad approach to forensic nursing, and will consider all papers that focus on campus sexual assault and intimate partner violence. This includes areas such as assessing prevalence and campus climate, prevention, evaluating prevention strategies, and responding effectively to sexual violence and intimate partner violence.

The objectives of the special issue are that our readers will:

1. Become aware of the current literature related to campus sexual assault and intimate partner violence and the implications of that literature on the practice of forensic nursing.
2. Understand the opportunities and challenges involved in addressing campus sexual assault and intimate partner violence for forensic nurses and those affected by campus sexual assault.
3. Learn about strategies for and scientific approaches to enhancing prevention of campus sexual assault and intimate partner violence, particularly as they affect the practice of forensic nursing.
4. Learn about strategies for and scientific approaches to the care of people who have experienced campus sexual assault or intimate partner violence.

To gauge interest and identify a variety of topics, we request that interested authors send a preliminary abstract of the proposed paper. **PRELIMINARY ABSTRACTS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2023.** Invitations to submit full papers will be sent by March 1, 2023, with full manuscripts due by June 1, 2023. Full manuscripts will be subject to a double-blind peer review process as per *Journal of Forensic Nursing* policies.

Possible topics for submissions include—but are not limited to:

- Assessing prevalence of campus sexual assault and IPV and campus climate related to both.
- Prevention efforts and programming (including prevention at all levels—primary, secondary, and tertiary)

- Challenging social norms and sexual assault and intimate partner violence myths on college campuses
- The impact of social media on sexual assault and IPV
- Evidence-based approaches to addressing campus sexual assault and IPV
- Services for survivors
- Interventions with perpetrators
- Analysis of sexual misconduct policies
- Trauma informed training for campus staff, faculty, and administrators
- Partnering with the community to address campus IPV and sexual assault
- Needs and experiences of people who are at higher risk for sexual assault and IPV or for whom response may not be adequate (such as the LGBTQIA+ population, people of color, immigrants, people who are disabled).
- Barriers to reporting campus sexual assault or IPV or care seeking after assault

Abstracts should be submitted to Donna Scott Tilley, issue guest editor (dtalley@twu.edu) and CC'd to journal Editor-in-Chief Cindy Peternelj-Taylor (cindy.peternelj-taylor@usask.ca). *Please use "JFN Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence on College Campuses" as the subject line.*

We encourage all types of article submissions, including original research, quality improvement projects, literature reviews, policy analyses, and case reports.

**Abstracts must be ≤500 words, and include:**

Aims

Methods

Results

Conclusions

Potential impact of campus IPV and sexual assault on forensic nursing

**Case report abstracts should be <500 words, and include:**

Description of the case, summary of key findings, treatment, discussion, and conclusions

If you have questions about the suitability of your topic, please contact issue guest editor Donna Scott Tilley and for questions about the journal or the publication process, contact journal Editor-in-Chief Cindy Peternelj-Taylor at the addresses noted above. We look forward to hearing from you!

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to join the JFN reviewer database for future review requests.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why should I publish in JFN?**

The *Journal of Forensic Nursing* is a groundbreaking publication that addresses health care issues that transcend health and legal systems by articulating nursing's response to violence. It is indexed in a

wide variety of scientific databases, include CINAHL, ProQuest, and PubMed. The Journal offers Continuing Education activities via NursingCenter.com and has an impact factor of 1.2, and a five-year impact factor of 1.515.

**What kinds of support can the journal offer to first time authors?**

Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics and requests for author mentoring should be directed to the Journal Editor. Editorial board members and members of the journal's review panel may be available to provide guidance at their own discretion, and requests for such support can be relayed by the Editor.

**What kinds of papers are accepted?**

High quality, English-language manuscripts on empirical research, literature synthesis, case reports/case series and other types of papers focused on issues of interest to forensic nurses and their colleagues are considered for publication.

**How often does the journal publish?**

The *Journal of Forensic Nursing* is published quarterly, however accepted papers will be published online prior to print. Such papers receive a DOI number and are immediately citable as published. Typical turnaround times from submission to author notification of decision are 6-8 weeks.