



Out-of-State SANE/SAFE Recognition Review Policy

Illinois Attorney General Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

REVIEW DATE: As Needed

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the process for reviewing education, clinical training/experience, and supporting documentation submitted by individuals practicing as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) outside of the State of Illinois who are seeking recognition as a SANE or SAFE through the Illinois Attorney General's SANE Program. This review determines whether the applicant's education, clinical training/experience, and supporting documentation meet the Illinois Attorney General's SANE Program recognition requirements or whether additional requirements/documentation must be completed prior to recognition.

DIDACTIC TRAINING DOCUMENTATION

The Illinois Attorney General's SANE Program will review didactic education completed outside of the Illinois Attorney General's SANE Program for consistency with current SANE Education Guidelines and applicable Illinois SANE Program requirements. Educational documentation must include evidence of successful completion of one or more of the following program types:

- **Adult/Adolescent Recognition:** Completion of a minimum 40-hour Adult/Adolescent SANE didactic education program consistent with current SANE Education Guidelines. The course must include a minimum of 40 continuing nursing education contact hours from an accredited provider of nursing education, academic credit, or the national equivalent from an accredited educational institution.
- **Pediatric/Adolescent Recognition:** Completion of a minimum 40-hour Pediatric/Adolescent SANE didactic education program consistent with current SANE Education Guidelines. The course must include a minimum of 40 continuing nursing education contact hours from an accredited provider of nursing education, academic credit, or the national equivalent from an accredited educational institution.
- **Combined Adult/Adolescent and Pediatric Recognition:** Completion of a minimum 64-hour combined Adult/Adolescent and Pediatric SANE didactic education program consistent with current SANE Education Guidelines. The course must include a minimum of 64 continuing nursing education contact hours from an accredited provider of nursing education, academic credit, or the national equivalent from an accredited educational institution.

Additional documentation, including course agendas, outlines, syllabi, or similar educational documentation, may be requested to support review of educational content and determine equivalency with Illinois recognition requirements.

CLINICAL TRAINING DOCUMENTATION

Clinical training documentation is specific to the patient population for which SANE/SAFE recognition is requested.

Clinical training documentation will be reviewed for consistency with the applicable Illinois Clinical Training Log requirements.

Applicants without clinical training equivalent to the applicable Illinois Clinical Training Log may be asked to complete additional clinical documentation or training consistent with the Illinois Clinical Training Log.

Individuals requesting recognition in both populations should submit documentation for both Adult/Adolescent and Pediatric/Adolescent clinical training.



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Proof of active national certification may satisfy the clinical training documentation requirement for the corresponding patient population:

- SANE-A certification for Adult/Adolescent recognition
- SANE-P certification for Pediatric/Adolescent recognition

CURRENT ILLINOIS LICENSE

Applicants provide documentation of a current Illinois professional license issued by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) that authorizes practice within the scope of the requested SANE SAFE designation.

ILLINOIS-SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION

Individuals who completed didactic education outside of Illinois must complete Illinois-specific supplemental education before being recognized as a SANE or SAFE in Illinois.

Illinois-specific supplemental education must include all of the following topics:

- Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA)
- Overview of Illinois laws, regulations, and processes related to medical forensic examinations
- Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit
- Illinois State Police documentation forms related to sexual assault
- Medical Forensic Services Sexual Assault Survivor Voucher
- CheckPoint system
- Crime Victims Compensation Program

Illinois-specific education may be completed through one or more educational sources, including education provided upon request by the Illinois Attorney General's SANE Program, an employer, a SANE program, a mentor/preceptor, or another educational source. Regardless of the educational source(s) used, applicants must complete education addressing all required Illinois-specific topics.

Documentation verifying completion of all required Illinois-specific supplemental education must be submitted using the Illinois-Specific Supplemental Education Attestation Form as part of the review process.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Documentation for review should be submitted in PDF format to SANE@ilag.gov with the subject heading: **Out-of-State SANE/SAFE Recognition Request**. The Illinois Attorney General's SANE Program will review submitted documentation and notify the individual if additional information, documentation, or education is needed to complete the review process. Individuals should expect to receive a response within three weeks of submission of a complete request.



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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

This policy is developed pursuant to Section 15 of the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA). 410 ILCS 70/15.

“(a) The Office of the Attorney General shall maintain a list of qualified medical providers, which includes health care professionals who have been qualified by the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Coordinator at the Office of the Attorney General to practice as an Adult/Adolescent or Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, or Adult/Adolescent or Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner. The list may also include Board-certified and Board-eligible child abuse pediatricians.”

For purposes of this policy, the terms Qualified Medical Provider (QMP), Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE), Illinois State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit shall have the meanings established in SASETA.