What is SANE?

A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse who has been specially trained to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault survivors in a medical setting.

SANE is the largest sub-specialty of Forensic Nursing.

Research has proven that SANE programs:
- Increase patient care available to sexual assault survivors
- Increase the quality of evidence collection and documentation
- Increase prosecution rates
- Reduce the risk of re-traumatization of the sexual assault survivor in the healthcare setting

The mission of the Illinois SANE Training Program is to increase the number of SANEs working in Illinois by providing high quality, consistent education and support for registered nurses and other professionals who service sexual assault survivors.

To become a SANE in Illinois, you must:
- Be a registered nurse or other qualified healthcare provider
- Complete a 40-hour course (combination of classroom and online training in Illinois)
- Complete additional clinical training

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General started the Illinois SANE Training Program through a grant received from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

To find out more about SANE and SANE training, contact the Illinois SANE Coordinator:

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For other questions about crime victim services and programs, contact the Crime Victims Assistance Hotline at (800) 228-3368; TTY: (877) 398-1130

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