



RECOGNISING AND RESPONDING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN ADULTS

Free accredited training for midwives

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Monash University's Department of Forensic Medicine and the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM) have developed a three-unit course in recognising and responding to sexual violence in adults.

This is a Department of Social Services (DSS)-funded initiative under the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2032*.

Monash University is seeking expressions of interest from nurses, midwives and healthcare practitioners who provide primary health care services to undertake this training at no cost. You can enrol in single or multiple Units.

DURATION AND FORMAT

Each six-week Unit includes two one-hour Zoom workshops and four hours of online interactive learning.

UNIT 1: SEXUAL VIOLENCE DRIVERS AND IMPACTS

This Unit covers the contexts and drivers of sexual violence, risk factors, prevalence, indicators, societal attitudes, perpetrator behaviours; consequences; the role of police, the justice system and psycho-social support services.

UNIT 2: RESPONDING TO ADULT DISCLOSURES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

This Unit focuses on the sexual assault consultation. It covers trauma-informed communication, patient and practitioner safety, ethics, history taking, medical care, consent for a physical examination, forensic principles, documentation and referrals.

UNIT 3: RESPONDING TO AT-RISK PATIENTS

Some groups and individuals are more vulnerable to sexual violence. This Unit covers at-risk patient characteristics and life stages; intersectionality; barriers to disclosure; community-specific prevalence; indicators; responses and referrals.



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ENDORSED COURSE

THIS COURSE IS ENDORSED UNTIL DECEMBER 2023

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DATES

Intakes throughout 2023. See our [website](#) for details.

COST

Free - to enrol in this training please complete our online admissions process [here](#).

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