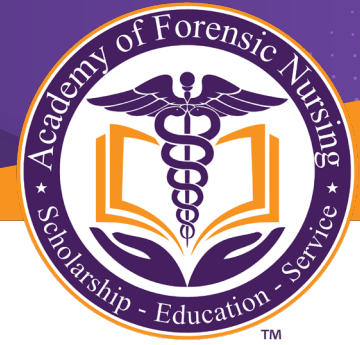


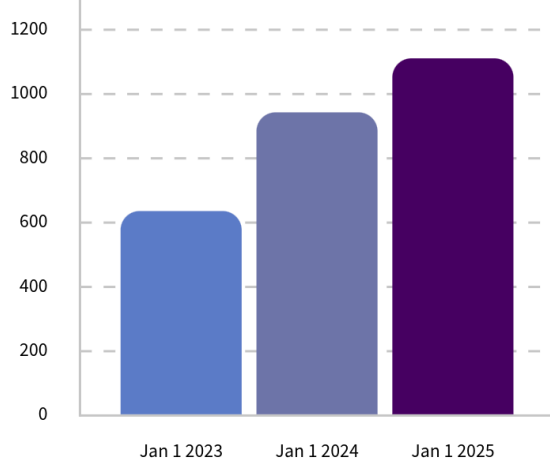
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Growth 2023–2025



AFN Dual Memberships

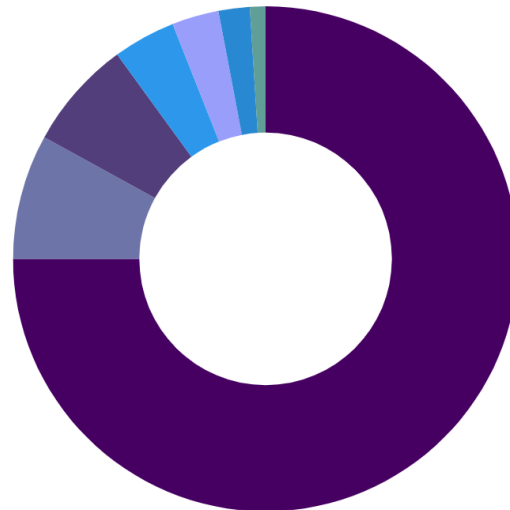
AFN works to establish partnerships with other professional organizations, providing discounted dual memberships and creating interdisciplinary connections. At the end of 2024, our dual-membership partners are:

- » Canadian Forensic Nurses Association (CFNA)
- » American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
- » The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA)

Who We Are

AFN offers discounted memberships for interdisciplinary partners, students, and retirees. But at 75% of our membership, the Healthcare Professional level represents the majority of the incredible people we serve.

AFN Member Snapshot



- Healthcare Professional (75%)
- Student (8%)
- Dual Membership (7%)
- Lifetime Member (4%)
- Retired (3%)
- DAISY Honoree (2%)
- Associate Front Line Professional (1%)

A Year of Positive Change

During 2024, the Academy of Forensic Nursing refined its processes to help set up the organization for steady growth in coming years. Some of these updates included:

- » Bylaw revisions
- » Creation of the Project Request Form to streamline the approval of new projects and partnerships
- » Executive involvement in and reinvigoration of Special Interest Groups
- » Forward-looking approach to conference planning, laying out Regional Conference locations for the next two years

Our Mission

The mission of the Academy of Forensic Nursing is to link research to practice through the dissemination of scholarship, education, and service to those affected by and responding to trauma. Our vision is to respond to trauma with care.



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EDUCATION

Learning Management System

AFN Learn, our learning management system (LMS), is the hub for all of the Academy's live and on-demand educational programming. These include our Wednesday Webinars, Bootcamps (re-branding in 2025 as "Intensives"), and our new partner education module, Walking Wise.

- » Total LMS Orders in 2024: **3,343**
25% increase over 2023
- » Unique Students: **1,115**
20% increase over 2023
- » Returning Students: **78.5%**
- » New Students: **21.5%**

Top LMS Events of 2024

- VICTIM/SUSPECT Documentary Panel – 407 Orders
- *This is Where I Learned Not to Sleep* Documentary Panel – 291 Orders
- It's HERS! - A Journey to Understanding Hymen Growth and Development – 213 Orders

21 Wednesday Webinars

were offered in 2024, making a total of 37 Continuing Education credits available for free to AFN members!

Bootcamps & Modules

This year we focused on the development of new Bootcamps (now "Intensives") to present in 2025, including topics on adolescent patients, firearm violence, trauma informed care, and nutrigenomics.

We also worked with partners Walking Wise and Symptom Media to bring in-depth learning modules to the forensic nursing community.

- » **Walking Wise: Sexual Exploitation Education** Launched Fall 2024 on the LMS
- » **Symptom Media Forensic Nursing Courses** Expected Mid-2025 on the Symptom Media platform

2024 Conferences

- » **AFN Michigan Regional Conference**
Hosted by Oakland University
June 21–22, 2024 • In Person + Virtual
- » **AFN Las Vegas Regional Conference**
September 18–20, 2024 • In Person + Virtual
- » **Children's Grief & Trauma National Conference**
Presented by Adam's Place in partnership with AFN
October 18, 2024 • In Person + Virtual
- » **AFN National Conference**
November 7–8, 2024 • Virtual

Three Regional Conferences & One Virtual National Conference Coming in 2025!

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OTHER PROGRAMMING

Bell Work Talks Podcasts

- » **13 New Podcasts** Uploaded in 2024
- » **60 Episodes** Created Since October 2019
- » **9,585 Downloads** Since October 2019
- » **4,214 Downloads** of 2024 Episodes
- » **Top Countries:** United States, Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, Japan

Special Interest Groups

AFN Special Interest Group leadership was strengthened with the addition of co-chairs. Updating this leadership structure helps ensure continuity and uninterrupted advancement of the SIGs' goals.

New SIGs created in 2024:

- » Rural
- » Harm Reduction

Continuing SIGs:

- » Death Investigation
- » Elder Abuse
- » Human Trafficking
- » International
- » Pediatric
- » School Nurse
- » Violence & Behavior



New Leadership Award

In 2024, the Academy of Forensic Nursing was honored to be chosen by The DAISY Foundation to create an award specifically for forensic nursing professionals. The DAISY Nurse Leader Award in Forensic Nursing offers two nomination categories (*photo above, left to right*):

- » Clinical Forensic Nursing Pathfinder
- » Forensic Nursing Scholar

Our inaugural honorees were:

- » Zenaide Cavalcanti de Medeiros Kernbeis
Forensic Nursing Scholar
- » Victor Petreca
Forensic Nursing Scholar
- » Elana Estrada
Clinical Forensic Nursing Pathfinder

The first awards were presented in person at a ceremony during the AFN Las Vegas regional conference in September, and we will continue this new tradition in 2025.

Journal of the Academy of Forensic Nursing

At the conclusion of 2024, the Journal of the Academy of Forensic Nursing (JAFN) published its fourth issue since inception, and its second issue for the year. The open-access journal is free to view and download, and it charges no publication fees.

The editorial board worked through the year to refine a flowchart editorial process to guide papers from submission to peer review, and from revisions to final galleys.

You can read the full JAFN Annual Report, covering 2023–2024, [at this link](#).

JAFN in 2024:

2 Issues

4,556 Articles Read

2,458 Downloads



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