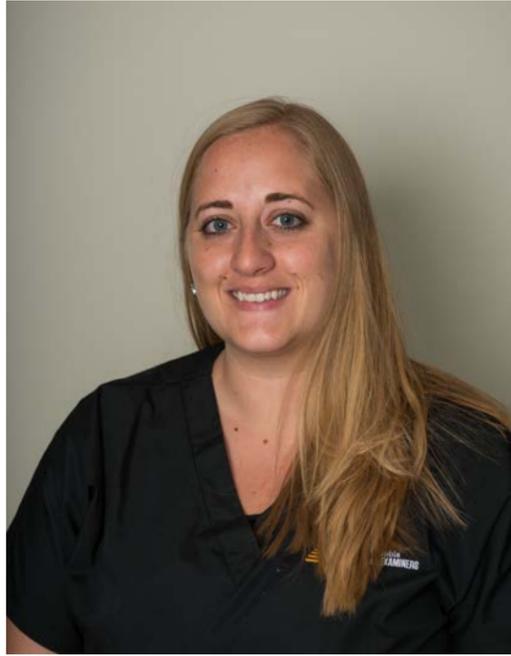


IAFN's Spotlight-on-a-Member



Nicole Stahlmann

NAME: Nicole Stahlmann

HOMETOWN: St. Paul, Minnesota

FAMILY: One sister and one brother, 30 Aunts and Uncles, and near 80 cousins.

OCCUPATION: Forensic Nurse Examiner, D.C. Forensic Nurse Examiners

YEARS OF IAFN MEMBERSHIP: 3 Years

When I worked as an ED tech in Minnesota, I knew a lot of SANE nurses. I was always fascinated by their work, as well as the collaboration with other members of the patients team (doctors/detectives/attorneys). When I moved to D.C. for nursing, I took a 40-hour course, applied for a position, and worked as a FNE since 2013. At the beginning of 2016, I was elected as the Maryland-District of Columbia IAFN Chapter Secretary and I am looking forward to meeting more of our regional forensic colleagues.

There are a number of reasons why I enjoy my position with DCFNE. I enjoy the autonomy of the work and the one-on-one with our patients. The initial bond/trust which is created, in such a short period of time with a patients is truly a rewarding experience. I enjoy the challenges of testifying and being engaged with the legal process. Besides my usual "go to" generic topics of reading, scrapbooking, and shopping, I greatly enjoy learning about different cultures and countries. I love to travel and I try my hardest to go somewhere new every year...Travel is my self-care. Without travel (and self-care), it would hard to control the amount of stress we handle on a daily basis.

Thank you for the all the compassionate care you provide every day! I will be at the [conference in Denver](#) and I would love to meet you!