

Editor

Journal of Forensic Nursing

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is seeking an editor to provide the editorial leadership for its flagship publication, the *Journal of Forensic Nursing (JFN)*, which is published quarterly on behalf of the Association by Wiley-Blackwell. Now in its 5th year of publication, *JFN* is a groundbreaking journal that covers all facets of this multidisciplinary specialty: health care, law enforcement, legal issues, and forensic science.

An Overview of the Position:

The editor will be responsible for the overall visionary leadership to ensure that *JFN* builds on its objective to publish scholarly manuscripts and to expand empirical evidence important to the practice of forensic nursing worldwide. Through the journal the editor will work closely with the associate editors, the editorial board, IAFN and Wiley-Blackwell staff, to help implement and support the association's mission to provide leadership in forensic nursing practice by developing, promoting, and disseminating information internationally about forensic nursing science.

Major Responsibilities:

- The editor, in collaboration with the associate editors, the editorial board, IAFN and Wiley-Blackwell Publishing staff will:
 - Develop and implement a targeted editorial plan to identify and actively recruit the best authors to submit manuscripts on a diverse array of topics of interest to forensic nurses working in a wide range of settings globally.
 - Identify and facilitate critical partnerships with key global players in nursing to increase the dissemination of the journal and its content.
 - Decide on the content of each issue and ensure the delivery of the journal is fully coordinated with the strategic directions and priorities identified by the IAFN.
 - Invite, orient, and oversee an international editorial board and panel of reviewers.
 - Oversee the peer-review process for regular articles and column submissions with the editorial assistant using Manuscript Central.
 - Prepare and submit an annual report on editorial activities, current status of and future plans for the journal to the IAFN.

Qualifications:

- Member of or willingness to join IAFN.
- Communication and Leadership skills.
- Excellent record of publication in leading peer-reviewed nursing and healthcare journals.
- Keen understanding, based on academic and clinical experience, of the current state of forensic nursing research, areas of greatest need for additional research, and clinical implications of research.
- Excellent understanding of the importance of forensic nursing research as it supports and enhances nursing practice.
- Solid editorial and peer review experience in forensic nursing research and scholarship.
- Established relationships with nursing and healthcare leaders and institutions globally.
- Academic credentials (PhD desired, Master's required).

Deadline for applications is March 30, 2009 and review of applications will continue until the position is filled. The transition of the editors will start on or around May 1, 2009, with the full term commencing January 2010. Please send, by email, a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and your answers to the questionnaire that follows below to: Angela Richardson, Journal Publishing Manager, Wiley-Blackwell, email: arichardson@wiley.com

Questionnaire:

1. Please describe your experiences as an Editor, Guest Editor, member of the Editorial Board, and/or manuscript reviewer for any peer-reviewed journals.
2. What are your primary areas of professional expertise, and what are your networks within these fields? How would you use these networks to recruit papers, reviewers, and/or members of the Editorial Board? What conferences do you attend regularly?
3. What are your general perceptions of JFN, and what is your vision for the journal?
4. How would being the JFN Editor fit with your existing responsibilities and schedule? Please describe any assistance you would have from colleagues, graduate students, research assistants, and/or staff at your institution.
5. Do you have experience working with electronic submission and tracking software such as Manuscript Central?
6. In your opinion, how has the nursing profession changed over the past few years, and how do you see it evolving in relation to forensic nursing? Please highlight any emerging trends and how the editorial content of the journal might focus on them.

