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Kristen began her nursing career in 2010, graduating from Ramapo College of New Jersey with her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She began working on a progressive care unit and remained there for about 4 years before transitioning into the Emergency Department. In 2017 she took a combined adult/adolescent/pediatric sexual assault nurse examiner course and started working for the Monmouth County FNE/SART Program. As her passion for this specialized nursing work grew, she began her Masters of Science in Forensic Nursing at Monmouth University, graduating in January 2019.

Kristen signed on as the Assistant Coordinator of the Monmouth County Forensic Nurse Examiner Program in March 2019. She helped launch their newest program at that time, the Strangulation and Suffocation Evaluation Team, which expanded the services of the forensic nurse to this population. She was promoted to the Coordinator of the program in July 2021. Since then she has spoken at numerous conferences including the IAFN Annual Conference in Dallas in 2022. She has had the opportunity to complete data research on strangulation injuries and has presented her findings at national conferences. In addition to coordinating the program, she is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University, teaching new forensic nurses the clinical skills they require for their New Jersey license. Kristen will take over as the president of her local New Jersey IAFN Chapter in 2024. When she isn't busy working, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her labradoodle, Tuck.