

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course, fall 2018 session announced

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Course modules include accessing resources; advocacy; assessment; beginning your ministry; behavioral health (mental health and addiction); care coordination; communication and collaboration; documenting practice; ethics; family violence; health, healing, and wholeness; health promotion; history and philosophy of faith community nursing and health ministry; legal aspects; prayer; self-care; spiritual care; and suffering, grief, and loss.

The hybrid course offers online modules and classroom presentations taught by faith community nurse (FCN) educators and subject matter experts in the respective fields of practice. Upon successful completion of the four-day course, registered nurses (RNs) are commissioned as faith community nurses and receive 34 contact hours;* non-RNs completing the course are commissioned as health ministers. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate and pin as either a faith community nurse or health minister.

Class size is limited to 20 participants.

The cost is \$395 for registered nurses (RNs), and includes course materials, 34 nursing contact hours,* free parking, and continental breakfast. For non-RNs, the cost is \$200. Limited partial scholarship funds are available; inquire on the [registration form](#). Be sure to ask about our \$50 early registration discount. To be eligible for the discount, registration with full payment must be postmarked by **September 15, 2018**. Ask about church group rates for three or more participants.

Course application must be received by **October 1, 2018**. To register, download a copy of the course application, visit <https://www.pittsburghmercy.org/faith-communities/education/#foundations-of-faith-community-nursing-course>.

For more information about the course, contact the [Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry](#) Program at ParishNurse@pittsburghmercy.org or call 412-232-5815.

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Established in 1991, the [Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Program](#), part of [Pittsburgh Mercy](#) and [Trinity Health](#), serving in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, was the first parish nurse program in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The program integrates faith and health, and has served more than 4,000 health care professionals and laypersons who volunteer in their faith communities, and has commissioned nearly 400 faith community nurses and health ministers through the “Foundations of Faith Community Nursing” Preparation Course. To learn more about the Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Program, or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, visit www.pittsburghmercy.org.

About Pittsburgh Mercy

[Pittsburgh Mercy](#), a member of [Trinity Health](#), serving in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, is a person-centered, population-based, trauma-informed community health and wellness provider. Pittsburgh Mercy is one of the largest employers and the only Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh Mercy includes Bethlehem Haven, McAuley Ministries, Mercy Behavioral Health, Mercy Community Health, Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services, Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Program, Pittsburgh Mercy’s Operation Safety Net®, and Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center. Together, these Pittsburgh Mercy programs and their 1,700 employees serve more than 33,000 individuals annually at more than 60 locations in Southwestern Pennsylvania. To learn more about Pittsburgh Mercy or to make a donation in support of its important work in the community, visit www.pittsburghmercy.org.

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