

Faith Community Nursing

Faith Community Nursing is a specialty practice and professional model of health ministry distinguished by the following beliefs:

The faith community nurse role reclaims the historic roots of health and healing found in many religious traditions. The spiritual dimension is central to faith community nursing practice. Personal spiritual formation is essential for the faith community nurse. The practice holds that all persons are sacred and must be treated with respect and dignity. Compelled by these beliefs the faith community nurse serves and advocates with compassion, mercy and justice. The faith community nurse assists and supports individuals, families, and communities in becoming more active partners in the stewardship of personal and communal health resources.

The faith community nurse understands health to be a dynamic process which embodies the spiritual, psychological, physical, and social dimensions of the person. Spiritual health is central to well-being and influences a person's entire being. A sense of well-being can exist in the presence of disease. Healing can exist in the absence of cure.

The focus of practice is the faith community and its ministry. The faith community nurse, in collaboration with pastoral staff and congregants, participates in the ongoing transformation of the faith community into a source of health and healing. Through partnership with other community health resources, faith community nursing fosters new and creative responses to health and wellness challenges.

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for Faith Community Nursing

There will be thirty-four (34) continuing education (CE) credits provided to registered nurses. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. UPMC and ANCC do not endorse any commercial products as a result of the CE activity.

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Faith Community Nurse and Health Minister Preparation Course Fall 2019

**September 20 & 21
October 25 & 26**

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Registered Nurses completing the program will be awarded a certificate and pin with the *Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing* logo. All other participants will be awarded a certificate and Health Minister pin.

For out of town participants, we suggest staying at Holiday Inn Express, 20 South Tenth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Call 412.488.1130 and ask for the special UPMC rate. Also, call our office for information on local retreat centers that offer overnight accommodations.

Come join us for a time of fellowship and learning. Our instructors have diverse backgrounds and are content experts in the fields of practice they are presenting. We have many years of health ministry experience as both volunteer and salaried faith community nurses.



Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Curriculum

by *Westberg Institute*
A Ministry of Church Health

Modules

UNIT 1: Spirituality

History and Philosophy
Health, Healing and Wholeness
Spiritual Care
Prayer
Self-Care

Unit II: Professionalism

Ethical Issues
Documenting Practice
Legal Aspects
Beginning Your Ministry
Communication and Collaboration

Unit III: Wholistic Health

Health Promotion
Behavioral Health
Transforming Life Issues:
Family Violence
Transforming Life Issues:
Loss, Suffering & Grief,

Unit IV: Community

Assessment
Accessing Resources
Advocacy
Care Coordination

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Location:

Sr. M. Ferdinand Clark Auditorium
UPMC Mercy Hospital
1400 Locust Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Course length: 4-day course

Dates: September 20 & 21
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Credit and Cost: Nursing CEs – \$395
Health Ministers - \$200

Please note:

Course limited to 20 participants
Apply early for \$50 discount post marked by
August 22, 2019

Online Application is available at:
<https://bit.ly/2RManpZ>

Partial scholarships available on a limited basis.

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