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.

Adapted from:
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This Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course is based on the curriculum (revision 2019) developed through the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing (the curriculum is owned by Church Health Center of Memphis, Inc., 1350 Concourse Ave., Suite 142, Memphis, TN 38104).

There will be 39.25 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 this CE activity.

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Come & join us for this special time together!
We offer a hybrid Course meaning it is both in-classroom virtual presentations via Zoom meetings and online learning modules via HealthStream. Our focus is on adult learning activities such as small and large group discussion, case studies, storytelling with life application, creating a spiritual care board and self-care plan, daily participant reflections, healing service, brief video clips, music, mindful coloring, guided imagery, and much more. Adult learning is not only about understanding content but applies life principles and sharing lessons learned with others. Adult learners excel in safe, non-threatening learning environments that encourage questions with deep reflection. This Course is uniquely designed by the Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse Ministry Team and offers participants a wonderful opportunity to experience spiritual awareness and group faith sharing through virtual learning. We invite all to this sacred place and time of learning as we allow ourselves to prayerfully reflect on whole-person health... balancing body, mind, and spirit. Our goal is to commission our participants to faith community nursing (FCN) and/or health ministry in order to heed the call for safe, better health and well-being in our faith communities and communities at large. Our instructors have diverse backgrounds, are content experts in the fields of practice they are presenting, and have many years of health ministry experience as both volunteer and salaried faith community nurses. Participants are required to purchase the Participant Guide (course textbook) before this course begins – see this link [https://amzn.to/2NIG47d](https://amzn.to/2NIG47d)

### Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Curriculum

*by Westberg Institute*

* A Ministry of Church Health*

#### 15 Modules

1: The Spiritual Dimension

*History & Philosophy of Faith Community Nursing*

*Health, Healing & Whole-Person Health*

*Spiritual Care*

*Prayer*

2: Professionalism

*Beginning Your Ministry*

*Communication and Collaboration*

*Legal Aspects*

*Ethical Issues*

*Documenting Practice*

3: Whole-person-centered Health

*Health Promotion*

*Behavioral Health and Faith Community Nursing*

*Violence*

*Loss, Suffering & Grief*

4: Community

*Assessment & Accessing Resources*

*Advocacy, Care Coordination & Transitional Care*

### Faith Community Nurse and Health Minister Preparation Course

**Fall 2022**

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**5 Dates:** September 23 & 24, October 1, October 21 & 22.

*Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

Includes daily lunch break (45 minutes) and two breaks (15 minutes each).

**Credit and Cost:** Nursing CEs – $350

Health Ministers - $250

**Please note:**

Course limited to 20 participants.

Apply early for $25 discount post marked by August 26, 2022. Enclose check payment with discounted price.

**Online Application** is available at: [https://bit.ly/3gDXg9h](https://bit.ly/3gDXg9h)

Partial scholarships available upon request and on a limited basis. Discount for Pittsburgh Mercy employees. Participants completing the program will be awarded a certificate with the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing logo.

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