

What is a Faith Community Nurse?

Faith Community Nurses (FCNs) are licensed, registered professional nurses (RN) who practice patient-centered care, combining their nursing knowledge and spiritual care. They advocate for the needs of self, congregants, and the community at large, empowering them to be in control, while assisting in finding health and wholeness. **FCNs do not provide hands-on care.** However, through their roles as health educators and counselors, promote health and ways to prevent and/or minimize illness.

FCNs ministry efforts may be salaried or on a volunteer status. Nevertheless, the RN who accepts the call is caring, compassionate and a servant-leader with a strong sense of faith and hope. In return, they receive "...the most rewarding job that God has given me. I feel... like I'm fulfilling my purpose, and the reason I became a nurse".

Faith Community Nursing imparts close attention to an individual's spirit, where praying and addressing spiritual needs are supported. Individuals or groups, come to the ministry at times feeling hopeless and helpless. The FCN must be able to inspire hope and encourage faith which, in turn, changes their outlook and possibly health outcomes, maintaining and/or regaining wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

This specialty practice is regulated by the Faith Community Nurse Scope and Standards of Practice (3rd edition), your state Nurse Practice Act, as well as Nursing's "Code of Ethics with Interpretive Statements".

"Faith without works is useless."

James 2:20



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"FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING" WEB-BASED EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM



**An educational course for
Registered Professional
Nurses of every
denomination or faith!**

**Dates: September 25/26, October
2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 2020**

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

**Catholic Health Faith Community Nurse Program
ARTC Bldg., 144 Genesee St., 6th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14203**

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Application/Registration

(15 participants will be enrolled)

I wish to register for the:

**Foundations of Faith Community
Nursing**

Fall 2020 class!

\$375 Course Fee

(**Scholarships are available!** Visit PNMNY.org website for information and application)

34 contact hours*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

NYS RN License Number:

**Mail this application with course fee
(check or money order made
payable) to:**

**CH Faith Community Nurse
Program @ ARTC
144 Genesee Street, 6th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14203
Attn: Yvonne Askew—Coordinator**

**Registration ends
Friday, September 18, 2020**

Course Overview

This **Foundations of Faith Community Nursing** course, developed through the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing in consultation with the National League of Nursing (NLN) and the American Nurses Association Credentialing Center (ANACC), explores this specialty practice which combines professional nursing with health ministry.

Developed from the Judeo-Christian perspective, this 2019 curriculum is respectful of, and can be applied to, other faith traditions by exploring their differences and similarities. Some additional areas of discovery include: *Practice History and Philosophy, Ethical Issues, Whole Person Health/Healing*, along with *Loss, Suffering & Greif* in the context of a faith tradition. Participant will utilize the nursing process as it applies to the leadership role of an FCN, preparing them to initiate and maintain this health ministry within, and to, the larger surrounding community.

*Awarding of contact hours requires attendance/participation in **ALL** of the sessions, with the participant completing course evaluations.

Catholic Health System is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Participants must be a registered nurse with an unencumbered, active license, and access to a computer with internet connection. This four weekend course activity is conducted through the use of a web-based system.

All classes will take place **September 25/26, October 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 2020.**

Please have your religious texts available to discern and share.



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