

Mission/Vision Statement
CHS Faith Community Nurse Program

VISION:

To assist each faith community in addressing the spiritual, physical, mental, and social health needs of their membership.

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The Faith Community Nurse Program will focus on the intentional care of the spirit, as well as the promotion of wholistic health and prevention or minimization of illness within the content of a faith community.

For more information, contact:
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Faith Community Nursing : A Program of Health

A wellness program for your faith community.



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What is a Faith Community Nurse (FCN)?

Faith Community Nurses are Registered Professional Nurses trained in health/disease/spirituality within their faith tradition. They combine their ministry with the art and science of nursing; bringing the link between faith/health to fruition.

A Faith Community Nurse will not ...

... perform direct or hands on care to their faith community members,

A Faith Community Nurse will ...

... act as a health educator, health counselor, a health advocate, a referral agent and coordinator/facilitator within their faith community. FCN is recognized as a specialty practice by the American Nurses Association requiring knowledge and experience in both professional nursing and spiritual care.

Why offer a Faith Community Nursing Program?

Churches are and have always been places of healing. Faith Community Nursing reaffirms the churches' role in ministering to the whole person: mind, body, and spirit.

Even though this ministry is grounded in the Judeo Christian tradition "to preach the kingdom of God and to heal" (Luke 9:2), we believe and know that many faith traditions have a link in their beliefs to the health and care of the believer. That is the position where FCN will assist; ensuring that the whole individual, group, and community are supported.

What are the goals of this type of ministry?

The goal of this type of health ministry is to:

- Enhance and increase the quality of life, through improved whole person health and spiritual well-being within the faith community and the community for with it resides
- Support the health and healing already present within the faith communities
- Promote whole person wellness and prevention
- Endorse individual(s) quest to be in command of their own healthcare

Why is Catholic Health offering this assistance?

Catholic healthcare is guided by four normative principles:

1. a commitment to promote human dignity
2. to care for the poor
3. to contribute to the common good, and
4. to be responsible stewards of available resources"

(www.chsbuffalo.org/AboutUs/Ethical-Religious-Directives)

CHS is committed to embracing the whole nature of the individual: body, mind, social, and spiritual, where they are, enhancing their existence.

Faith Community Nurse Collaboration with Catholic Health

Catholic Health is committed to providing assistance to all faith communities with initiating their own faith-based ministry of health. The FCN Coordinator assistance includes:

- Assessment of your congregational health needs
- Assistance in developing an individualized faith ministry of health
- Assistance in integrating your faiths mission and traditions into a unique program
- Assistance in locating training for the identified RN
- Ongoing guidance and support
- Resources for health education/screening

Please, contact us about this offering from Catholic Health.

Contact Person's Name: _____

Faith Community/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Faith Tradition/Organizational Purpose: _____

Approximate Number in Faith Community/Organization: _____

Please check those which apply:

- Would like more information about Faith Community Nursing
- Just getting started with a health program, need assistance
- Committee formed and/or nurse available, but not started
- Health program running, but would like assistance from CHS/FCN

Please return this completed form to:

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