

What is a Faith Community Nurse?

Faith Community Nurses (FCNs) are licensed, professional registered nurses (RNs) who practice patient-centered care, combining their nursing knowledge with 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. Through their roles as health educators and counselors, they promote health and ways to prevent and/or minimize illness.

FCN ministry efforts may be salaried or on an unpaid 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, supporting prayer and addressing spiritual needs. Individuals or groups come to the ministry at times feeling hopeless and helpless. The FCN must be able to inspire hope and encourage faith, in turn, changing their outlook and, possibly, health outcomes, maintaining and/or regaining wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

"Faith without works is useless."

— James 2:20

This ANA approved specialty practice is regulated by the Faith Community Nurse Scope and Standards of Practice (4th edition), your state's Nurse Practice Act, as well as Nursing's "Code of Ethics with Interpretive Statements".

For more information visit chsbuffalo.org/fcn.

Faith Community Nurse Program

FALL 2026 Online Course

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for registered professional nurses.




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Foundations of Faith Community Nursing

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- **Earn 36.5-42 contact hours***
- **Course fee \$400**
Foundation participation manual provided separately, at an additional fee.
Visit FCNMNY.org for scholarship information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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RN license number: _____

State of issue: _____

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

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Attn: Yvonne Askew—Coordinator

Register by
September 4, 2026

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Foundations of Faith Course Overview



Curriculum

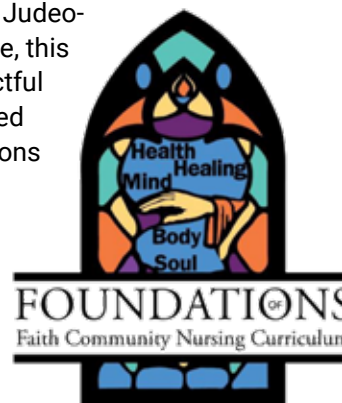
This **Foundations of Faith Community Nursing** course, developed through the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing in consultation with the National League for Nursing (NLN) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), explores this specialty practice which combines professional nursing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

Developed from the Judeo-Christian perspective, this curriculum is respectful of, and can be applied to, other faith traditions by exploring their differences and similarities.

In the context of personal faith traditions, areas of discovery include:

- Practice history and philosophy
- Ethical issues
- Healing and the whole person
- Loss, suffering, grief, and more

Participants will utilize the nursing process as it applies to the leadership role of an FCN, preparing them to initiate and maintain this health ministry from within and to the larger surrounding community.



Participation

- Participants **must be registered nurses** with an unencumbered, active license and access to a computer with an internet connection.
- Live online classes meet **Fridays 4:50 - 9:45 PM** and **Saturdays 8:50 AM - 2 PM**
- This 10-class course is conducted with **live participation**.
Please have your religious texts available to discern and share.
- **Enrollment** is capped at 15 participants; five participants required to offer course.

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

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