

Faith Community Nursing

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Our Mission

We are called to reveal the
healing love of Jesus to all.

Our Vision

As your trusted partner, inspired by faith
and committed to excellence, we lead the
transformation of healthcare and create
healthier communities.

Our Values

Reverence, Compassion, Integrity,
Innovation, Community, Excellence



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A wellness program to assist
all faith communities



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What is a Faith Community Nurse (FCN)?

Faith Community Nurses are registered professional nurses trained in health maintenance, disease minimization and prevention, and spirituality within their faith tradition. FCNs combine their ministry with the art and science of nursing, bringing the link between faith and health to fruition.

A Faith Community Nurse

- ... is able to perform direct or hands-on care to their faith community members.
- ... will act as a health educator, health counselor, health advocate, referral agent, and a coordinator/facilitator within their faith community.

FCN is recognized as a specialty practice by the American Nurses Association, Health Ministries Association, and the Spiritual Care Association, requiring knowledge and experience in both professional nursing and spiritual care.

Why participate in a Faith Community Nurse program?

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

Even though this ministry is grounded in the Judeo Christian tradition (Luke 9:2), we believe and know that many faith traditions link 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?

- To enhance and increase the quality of life, through improved whole-person health and spiritual well-being within the faith community and the community with which it resides
- To support the health and healing already present within the culture of the faith community
- To promote whole-person wellness and prevention
- To endorse individual(s) quest to be in command of their own healthcare

Why does Catholic Health offer the FCN program?

Catholic healthcare is guided by four normative principles of social responsibility:

1. To promote human dignity
2. To care for the poor
3. To contribute to the common good
4. To be responsible stewards of available resources

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

Faith Community Nursing Collaborate with Catholic Health

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

- An assessment of your congregational health needs
- Assistance in integrating your faith's mission and traditions into a unique program
- Assistance in locating training for the identified RN
- Ongoing guidance and support
- Resources for health education/screenings

If your organization is interested in the Catholic Health Faith Community Nursing program, please scan or visit:



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Catholic Health Faith Community Nursing Program

Vision

To partner with each community accepting of faith in addressing their membership, spiritual, physical, mental, and social health needs.

Mission

The Faith Community Nurse program, inspired by Catholic Health's commitment to its mission and values, promotes wholistic health by advocating for those affected by social determinants of health, fostering community involvement, and supporting illness prevention and management within the faith communities' scope of influence.