Parish Nurse Ministry Program

This ministry prepares faith community nurses grounded in the tradition of the church “to preach the kingdom of God and to heal.”

– Luke 9:2

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing (FCN) Preparation Course: $525 Fee includes some meals and most materials necessary to start a health and healing ministry.

Please print all information clearly.

Formal name _______________________________________

RN license number and state ______________________________________

Street Address _______________________________________

City/State/ZIP _______________________________________

Telephone (_____ ) _______________________________________

Email _______________________________________

Church/Faith Community _______________________________________

Denomination _______________________________________

Street Address _______________________________________

City/State/ZIP _______________________________________

Faith Community Leader/Clergy Name _______________________

A letter of reference from a professional colleague or clergy person is needed two weeks before the class begins.

A $100 preregistration fee should accompany this registration. Balance of fee ($425) is due at the first class. Make checks payable to Parish Nurse Ministry. Please call regarding our refund policy. Sorry, but we are unable to process credit cards. Please send your completed registration forms and fee, as well as the recommendation letter to: Attn: Dr. Jean Bokinskie, The Parish Nurse Ministry Program, Concordia College, 901 8th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56562

Jean Bokinskie, Director

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Registrations
Please indicate which class you will be attending:

☐ Atonement Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.
   Oct. 20-24, 2014 (Deadline: Oct. 3)

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Faith Community Nursing (FCN)

Christ’s ministry was always wholistic; Christ treated the “whole” person – physically, emotionally, spiritually. His was a healing ministry, and he led his disciples by example. The Scriptures are replete with references to abundant living as a proper and desirable goal.

As healthcare becomes more complex, people experience difficulty understanding the types of healthcare services that are available. The church and health professionals have developed a collaborative partnership to assist parishioners with these needs through faith community nursing (also known as parish nursing). Using a community-based health promotion focus, the FCN works to intentionally address spiritual care within a framework of wholistic health. In their role, FCNs do not provide home care services. The FCNs work in partnership with clergy and healthcare organizations to advocate for the health and well-being of the individual, family and faith community.

In addition to the completion of the foundations course, a FCN must be a current licensed registered nurse (RN) and be committed to wholistic health. The FCN works with members of a faith community in many ways:

- Visit members in homes, hospitals or long-term care facilities
- Assist in obtaining health services
- Promote wellness through education and screenings
- Develop support groups within the church
- Offer spiritual support

The Parish Nurse Ministry Program

Since the first preparation course at Concordia College in 1991, the program has helped more than 1,600 nurses complete the foundations course. Many of these nurses serve in congregations in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Montana and many other states and countries. Our alumni come from many different denominations and serve in a variety of faith community settings.

Parish Nurse Ministry Program
Philosophy Statement

A FCN is a professional nurse who is called and committed to the healing ministry of the church. The FCN serves within a home congregation to promote wellness of body, mind and spirit. This ministry is grounded in the tradition of the church “to preach the kingdom of God and to heal” (Luke 9:2).

The FCN program within a congregation also recognizes that the ministry of the church community is to proclaim God’s desire that we strive toward an abundant, healthful life. Jesus says in John 10:10, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Program Content

- Historical perspectives and philosophy of faith community nursing
- Biblical healing in the church’s ministry
- Strategies for developing a health and healing ministry
- Assessing congregational health needs
- Prayer: a therapeutic role for the FCN
- Providing spiritual care
- Health promotion activities
- Working on a ministerial team
- Documenting and evaluating the faith community nurse ministry
- Legal issues and ethical concerns
- Embracing faith traditions
- Caring for those experiencing grief and loss

Special Events

- Service for Healing and Service of Dedication
- Mentoring session with practicing FCNs
- Discussion panel – clergy and FCNs

This Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Curriculum course is based on the curriculum developed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, which is owned by Church Health Center of Memphis, Inc., 1210 Peabody Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. This program is designed to meet contact hour requirements for the Minnesota Board of Nursing and partially meet the contact hour requirements for the North Dakota Board of Nursing.