

Philosophy of Faith Community Nursing

**Faith community nursing
is a specialty practice and
professional model of health ministry
distinguished by the following beliefs:**

The faith community nurse (FCN) role reclaims the historic roots of health and healing found in many religious traditions. The spiritual dimension is central to faith community nursing practice. Personal spiritual formation is essential for the FCN. The practice holds that all persons are sacred and must be treated with respect and dignity. Compelled by these beliefs the FCN serves, advocating with compassion, mercy and justice. The FCN assists and supports individuals, families, and communities in becoming more active partners in the stewardship of personal and communal health resources.

The FCN understands health to be a dynamic process which embodies the spiritual, psychological, physical, and social dimensions of the person. Spiritual health is central to well-being and influences a person's entire being. A sense of well-being can exist in the presence of disease and healing can exist in the absence of cure.

The focus of practice is the faith community and its ministry. The FCN, in collaboration with pastoral staff and congregants, participates in the ongoing transformation of the faith community into a source of health and healing. Through partnership with other community health resources, FC nursing fosters new and creative responses to health and wellness concerns.

International Parish Nurse Resource Center

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Foundations of Faith Community Nursing (Parish Nurse) Curriculum

**4 Day Course in Erie, PA
30 CE's \$260**

**Saturday, September 10, 2011
Friday, September 23, 2011
Saturday, October 8, 2011
Friday, October 21, 2011**

Offered by

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**“You are blessed to be a blessing”
Genesis 12:2**

Registered Nurses completing the program will be awarded 30 nursing CE's, a certificate and pin with the International Parish Nurse Resource Center logo. All other participants will be awarded a certificate and Health Minister pin.

Come join us for 4 days of fellowship and learning. Our teachers come from a wide range of backgrounds with knowledge in the specific areas that they are presenting. We have over 15 years of parish nurse experience both as volunteer and paid faith community nurses.



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MODULES

UNIT 1: Spirituality

- History and Philosophy
- Prayer
- Self Care
- Healing and Wholeness

Unit II: Professionalism

- Ethical Issues
- Documenting Practice
- Legal Aspects
- Beginning Your Ministry
- Communication and Collaboration

Unit III: Wholistic Health

- Health Promotion
- Family Violence
- Suffering, Grief, and Loss

Unit IV: Community

- Assessment
- Accessing Resources
- Advocacy
- Care Coordination

Credits and Cost: 30 CE's - \$260

Must attend all 4 days to receive CE's.

**The cost of this course has been reduced
more than \$100 to prepare
Faith Community Nurses
for ministry in their own congregations
and to the homeless in the community.**



Dates and Locations:

- **Saturday September 10**
- **Saturday October 8**

Gannon University
Villa Maria School of Nursing
109 University Square, Erie, PA 16541

and

- **Friday September 23**
- **Friday October 21**

Erie First United Methodist Church
707 Sassafras Street, Erie, PA 16501

Course limited to 20 participants. Apply early.

Registration Deadline: August 19, 2011