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Basic Preparation Program

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With roots in the nineteenth century, Parish Nursing, better termed Faith Community Nursing, has emerged as one of the fastest growing movements in nursing today. The term “parish” takes its origin from the root word which means “to walk beside”, and was initially chosen to describe the type of nursing paradigm where the nurse functions within a congregational setting. As a member of the ministerial staff, the Faith Community Nurse assists in the development of health ministry and “walks beside” the members to empower each to take ownership of their personal health and achieve the optimal level possible.

Futurists talk about it as a powerful new movement that will be part of the solution for current health care system problems. The movement is spreading across the country and around the globe. We invite you to consider getting your education in Faith Community Nursing from Adventist HealthCare, an International Parish Nursing Resource Center (IPNRC) site for the standardized curriculum in the Metropolitan Region.

Who can be a Faith Community Nurse?

A Faith Community Nurse is a registered nurse who recognizes that spiritual care is central to the practice and facilitates wholistic health across the age span of a congregation. As a result, the faith community once again reclaims its healing role in the community by integrating the standards of health within the context of faith. The majority of faith community nurses are BSN prepared and have current experience in the nursing process. Many faith community nurses are masters and doctoral prepared and have degrees in fields such as nursing, psychology, education, and theology.

What is Parish Nursing or Faith Community Nursing?

6 DAYS OF

Assumptions for the practice and training of a Faith Community Nurse*

*Endorsed by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center and Health Ministry Association

• The participant is a registered nurse with a current license

• The practice is considered a calling where ministry shapes the practice

• The practice encourages a partnership model between parish nurses, individuals, families, faith communities, and communities across the life span

• The practice values Faith Community Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice (ANA/HMA 2005) in the US

• The curriculum focuses on core concepts of spiritual formation; professionalism; shalom as health and wholeness; community, incorporating culture and diversity

• The curriculum is developed from a Judeo-Christian theological framework of care and applicable to and respectful of other faith traditions

• The curriculum supplies the content to develop and sustain parish nursing practice

• The FCN course content will provide theoretical and practical knowledge necessary to begin a Faith Community Nurse practice and cover such content as: assessment process, legal issues, volunteer coordination, support group development, scriptural foundations, ethics and values, practice developments.
The 2011 FCN course will be held at Hallowood Retreat Center, Comus Maryland. It is a remote, all inclusive retreat facility with semi-private rooms, meeting areas, chef prepared meals and a pastoral campus. Ample time is built into the schedule to allow for quiet time, walks in the woods, and sacred space to enrich the experience. All participants are encouraged to plan on staying at the retreat center for the six days to take full advantage of the experience. The training and special activities for the week will include: daily devotions, a healing service and ecumenical worship, an excursion to a local place of interest, and other fun activities. Time will be allowed for participants to attend worship services of their denomination on Saturday or Sunday if they wish to do so. The course will conclude with a commissioning ceremony on Thursday evening before dismissal.

The purpose of presenting the course in a compressed format is to allow the participants to fully experience the spiritual and collegial aspects of living and learning a retreat environment without the pressures of everyday life duties. Learning is interactive as we experience the tears and joys and thoughts of all who are involved. It is a window of time to reflect and allow God’s plan to be revealed as you learn the unique aspects of this nursing specialty where spirituality and nursing practice are combined.

**Program Coordination/Faculty:**

**Faculty Coordinator:** Candace Huber, BSN, MPH, FCN

is the Senior Manager for the Healthy 100 Church Ministry and Parish Nurse Institute at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida. She works with faith communities of Central Florida to develop health as a ministry. She has directed several parish nursing grant projects to demonstrate the effectiveness of parish nursing for health behavior change in the community.

**Adjunct Faculty:**

Marybeth Terrell, RN,BS,FCN

is Faith Community Nurse Coordinator for Adventist HealthCare, a parish nurse for over 10 years in her own congregation and facilitator of two FCN support networks.

Susan Heitmuller, BS, MA

is the Health Ministry Coordinator for Adventist HealthCare and has been involved with health ministry in her own congregation and in the community for 15 years.

**Guest Faculty:**

Various guest speakers will present areas of instruction in their fields of expertise that are relevant to Faith Community Nursing.

**Course Requirements:**

To attend this course you must:

- Be a registered nurse with an active state license
- Have current nursing skills
- Have a recommendation letter from your pastor affirming your spiritual commitment
- Submit a written application form
- Register in advance for the program

**Adventist HealthCare** is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. This Basic Preparation Course is based on the curriculum endorsed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center.
How to Register

By mail:
Complete the registration form with payment (check or credit card) and mail to:

Susan Heitmuller
Health Ministry Dept.
Adventist HealthCare
1801 Research Blvd. Suite 300
Rockville, MD 20850

By Fax:
FAX your registration, 24 hours a day, using a MasterCard or VISA to: 301-891-6519

Once we receive your enrollment and payment, we will mail you the final course application packet with reference forms, the written application form, and more detailed information. You should then send back these forms by July 15th in order for your acceptance to be confirmed. We reserve the right to cancel the class if there are insufficient applicants. In case of cancellation, enrolled applicants will receive full refunds.

Class fees:
Early Bird Registration:
(Now through April 30, 2011)
$775.00

Regular Registration:
(May 1 through July 15, 2011)
$850.00

The class fees includes tuition, resources, all sessions and class activities, contact hour awards, accommodations and meals.

Please make checks payable to Adventist HealthCare – Health Ministry Dept.

There is a $50 processing fee if written cancellation is received less than 2 weeks prior to the program.

Take advantage of the lower cost and register early. Class size is limited so reserve your space by enrolling today. Please make checks out to Adventist HealthCare - Health Ministry.

Course location:
Hallowood Retreat & Conference Center
7300 Banner Road
Comus, MD 20842

“I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly.”
John 10:10
REGISTRATION FORM

☐ EARLY BIRD - $775.00  ☐ REGULAR – $850.00
(Now through 04/30, 2011) (05/01 through 07/15, 2011)

Please print – Payment must accompany registration.

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