

INTRODUCTION TO Faith Community Nursing

The church has always been a place of hope and healing, where people turn to in times of need. The Faith Community Nursing program is designed to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people in the church.

Through this alliance between two healing communities -- the church and health care providers -- the Faith Community Nurse is empowered to foster general improvement in health and wellness by acting as a health counselor, advocate, and educator, and a referral source for members of the congregation.

What is a Faith Community Nurse?

A Faith Community Nurse (FCN) is a licensed, registered nurse with specialized education in integrating faith and health.

FCNs serve within faith communities to build on and strengthen the capacity of individuals and families to become stewards of their health.

They educate and motivate people to take positive action regarding wellness and prevention; appropriate treatment of illness; and mental, social and spiritual health within their local community and beyond.



Faith Community Nursing PHILOSOPHY

Faith Community Nursing is based on the concept of holistic health care: being well in mind, body and spirit.

The Faith Community Nurse Program promotes holistic wellness by:

- Visiting church members in their homes, hospital and nursing homes.
- Assisting congregation members in identifying their health needs through surveys and interviews.
- Counseling members on health related issues.
- Serving as a resource person, referring to community resources and assisting in obtaining needed services.
- Coordinating health education classes on a variety of subjects.
- Advocating for members who need support and guidance through the healthcare system.
- Developing support groups within the church.



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