



The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course

Spring Semester
January 13 through April 15, 2018

CARING FOR THE BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

EQUIPPING NURSES FOR HEALTH MINISTRY

What is Faith Community Nursing?

A Faith Community Nurse works with the congregation to establish and sustain a health ministry program. Faith Community Nursing is a specialty professional nursing practice recognized by the American Nurses Association.

A Faith Community Nurse (FCN) may serve as a paid or unpaid member of the church staff. FCNs serve within a faith community to help meet the mental, emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs of parishioners and others in the larger community.

FCNs provide care with a focus on intentional care of the spirit. The FCN uses evidence based interventions such as: education, counseling, advocacy, referral, and accessing community resources. They also work collaboratively with other partners to provide health/wellness promotion, disease prevention, and holistic care of individuals, families, and communities.

Pilot Program

The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing (TFFCN) is a certificate course and CEUs for nurses with an active RN license. Class size is limited to 12 participants and has been developed using the curriculum of the International Parish Nurse Resource Center (IPNRC) Westberg Institute.*

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Waco in collaboration with The Episcopal Diocese of Texas and Seminary of the Southwest has partnered as an affiliate of the IPNRC Westberg Institute. *The Westberg Institute is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Tennessee Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

Partial funding for the course is provided by The Episcopal Health Foundation.

When/Where

The course is taught over a four-month semester. It includes: an initial retreat style weekend, including overnight accommodations at The Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX; followed by ten online (ZOOM) sessions once a week on Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; concluding with another retreat style weekend at The Seminary of the Southwest in Austin.

Spring Semester

Weekend Session #1
Seminary of the Southwest Austin, TX
January 13-14, 2018

Ten Online Sessions - Tuesday Evenings
January 22 – April 9, 2018
6:30-8:30pm

Weekend Session #2
Seminary of the Southwest Austin, TX
April 14-15, 2018

Certificate of Completion

A certification of completion, stained glass pin and CE certificate will be presented to those who complete the course. NOTE: the certificate of completion is for the course, it is NOT certification in the specialty practice of FCN.

*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 Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104.

Program Content

Unit I: Spirituality

- History & Philosophy
- Prayer
- Self-Care
- Spiritual Care
- Health, Healing & Wholeness

Unit II: Professionalism

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

Unit III: Wholistic Health

- History & Philosophy
- Family Violence
- Suffering, Grief & Loss
- Behavioral Health

Unit IV: Community

- Assessment
- Accessing Resources
- Advocacy
- Care Coordination



Faith Community Nursing is a ministry of caring for mind, body and spirit.

Schedule

Weekend #1: January 13-14, 2018

**Saturday 11am through Sunday 3pm
Seminary of the Southwest**

Overnight accommodations included

History & Philosophy, Prayer,
Self Care, Spiritual Care,
Health, Healing & Wholeness

Ten Online Sessions

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8:30pm
(2 hours each)

Jan. 23: Ethical Issues

Jan. 30: Documenting Practice

Feb. 6: Legal Aspects

Feb. 13: Health Promotion

Feb. 20: Behavioral Health

Feb. 27: Family Violence

March 6: Assessment

March 13: (Spring Break)

March 20: Accessing Resources

March 27: Advocacy

April 3: Care Coordination

April 10: Contingent/make up

(i.e. technical problems or some other unforeseen issue cause cancelation of an earlier session, etc.)

Weekend #2: April 14-15, 2018

**Saturday 11am through Sunday 3pm
Seminary of the Southwest**

Overnight accommodations included

Beginning Your Ministry
Communication and Collaboration
Loss, Suffering and Grief

Total Course Hours = 38

Registration

Please submit the Registration form along with a \$50 check made payable to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.

Mail Registration form and deposit to:

**Holy Spirit Episcopal Church
ATTN: Faith Community Nursing
1624 Wooded Acres Dr.
Waco TX 76710-2852**



Instructors

Pam Castles, MASF, MSN, RN

Faith Community Nurse

FCN Educator

Spiritual Director

Wesley Nurse, Methodist Health Ministries, San Antonio, TX

The Rev. Carol E. Peterson, MS, RN

Faith Community Nurse

FCN Educator

Deacon, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Brenham, TX

Visiting Nurse, AMA Home Care, Brenham, TX

Additional faculty may include regional or state experts in community health and faith issues.

Cost

Tuition: \$300.00

This includes books, handouts, workshop materials, accommodations and lunch at SSW for the two weekend sessions. A block of rooms has been reserved at SSW. A \$50.00 deposit (by check) is required with the registration form and will be applied towards tuition. The balance of tuition must be paid in full by January 13, 2018. Please contact us if you have questions. Scholarship assistance is available.

Requirements

All participants must have access to a computer with wifi connection and camera capabilities. Participants are requested to have their priest/senior warden/faith community leader sign the registration form to demonstrate support by the congregation's leadership. [In compliance with the Scope and Standards of Practice, a valid license to practice as a Registered Nurse is required.](#) All 38 hours of the program must be completed (weekends and online) to receive CEUs and certificate.

Questions?

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Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course Registration Form

Please include a \$50.00 check for deposit – payable to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church

Participant Information:

Last Name	First	M.I.
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	ZIP
Phone	Email Address	

Church/Faith Community Information:

Name	Priest/Faith Leader		
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Email Address		

Professional Information:

Professional Title	Nursing License #:	State:
Additional Licenses/Specialties/Certifications:		

In an effort to better know the participants of the course, please answer the following questions:

Attach one additional narrative page if needed to adequately address these questions.

Why do you want to attend the Foundations in Faith Community Nursing course?

Describe your understanding of holistic health.

Do you have any special needs we need to know about?

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Signatures:

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Priest/Faith Leader/Minister Signature of Support _____ Date _____

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