Overview

Faith Community Nursing is a specialized area of professional nursing practice focusing on the promotion of health and wellness within the context of the values, beliefs and practices of a faith community.

This course is in affiliation with the International Parish Nurse Resource Center (IPNRC) which was established in 1986 to support faith community nurses (parish nurses) around the United States, Canada and in other countries.

Target Audience

Professional nurses who are spiritually mature with effective communication skills. Current licensure is required with a minimum of three years professional experience.

Objectives

- To identify faith community nursing as an integrated part of the overall ministry of the faith community.
- To gain practical knowledge necessary to begin a faith community nursing practice.
- To identify strategies for developing a faith-based health ministry/faith community nurse program.

Course Coordinator

Linda Mabus, MSN, MA, RN

Linda has completed the Basic Parish Nurse and Faculty Educator Courses as developed by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center.

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2013 Foundations in Faith Community Nursing Course

International Parish Nurse Resource Center
Health Mind Healing Body Soul
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Thursdays - Saturdays
June 6 - 8 & 13 - 15

Hospital Sisters of St. Francis
Chiara Center
4875 LaVerna Road
Springfield, Illinois

Department of Continuing Education

Nursing within a Faith Community

The Foundations in Faith Community Nursing Course is designed for registered nurses (RNs) currently working in parish nursing or interested in exploring parish nursing. It is based on the revised 2009 curriculum developed by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center.

- The course will be held Thursdays - Saturdays June 6 - 8 and 13 - 15. Class times are 5 - 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
- The course will be held at the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis Chiara Center, 4875 LaVerna Road, Springfield, Illinois. From I-55, take Exit 100A (Clinton). Stay right for approx. one mile, following the signs to Camp Butler. Right before the railroad tracks, make a left onto LaVerna Rd. Drive one mile to the main gate and follow the signs for Chiara Center parking and registration.
- Pre-course material will be mailed or sent by e-mail one week before the start of the course. The materials will include a worksheet for examining your spiritual journey, class schedule and directions.
- The cost of the Course is $400 and includes all materials, meals and a parish nurse pin. St. John's Hospital RNs receive a $100 discount.
- Registration deadline is May 31, 2013.
- Overnight accommodations are available at Hospital Sisters of St. Francis Chiara Center for $46.10 per person (double) or $64 (single). To make reservations, call (217) 523-0901.
- If you have special dietary needs, please include them on the registration form at right.

The course has been submitted to St. John's College, Department of Continuing Education, *an approved CE Sponsor by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under Section 1300.130 and 1300.230 of the Nurse Practice Act.* Participants who complete the course earn 38 contact hours and can fulfill Illinois CE requirements for 2011 - 2013.

Course Topics

Spirituality
- Healing and Wholeness
- History and Philosophy
- Prayer
- Self-care

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

Wholistic Health
- Health Promotion
- Transforming Life Issues – Family Violence
- Transforming Life Issues – Suffering, Grief and Loss

Community
- Assessments
- Accessing Resources
- Advocacy
- Care Coordination – Working with Volunteers
- Care Coordination – Developing Support Groups

Service of Affirmation

The Foundations in Faith Community Nursing Course concludes with a dedication service and reception on Saturday, June 15 from 4 - 5 p.m. in the St. Francis of Assisi Church at the Chiara Center. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Contact Information

For more information, call (217) 544-6464, ext. 45444 or 45445, or e-mail: continuinged@stjohnscollegespringfield.edu.

Registration Information

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Credentials/Degrees _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Church Affiliation _____

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Dietary Needs _____

Return completed form with your payment of $400 ($300 for HSHS RNs). Make checks payable to **St. John's College, Dept. of Continuing Education** and mail to:

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