



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

# FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE TRAINING

(40.5 CONTACT HOURS)

Faith Community Nursing (FCN) is a specialized practice of professional nursing, sanctioned by the American Nurses Association. It is a growing specialty, formerly referred to as Parish or Congregational Nursing. FCN focuses on the intentional care of the spirit, promoting whole person health and acknowledging the close connection of body, mind and spirit. In practice, Faith Community Nursing serves members within the body of faith and its surrounding community. The Faith Community Nursing course is open to all faith traditions.

The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course focuses on applying the nursing process in a leadership role of health ministry in a community of faith. This course examines the four major concepts of Faith Community Nursing: spirituality, professionalism, 'wholistic' health, and community and cultural diversity. Nurses will identify the key components of the "intentional care of the spirit as part of the process of promoting wholistic health and preventing or minimizing illness in a faith community" as defined by the ANA. This course affords the nurse the opportunity to identify ways to facilitate the whole-person health of a congregation, which helps reclaim the healing ministry of the faith tradition. This is a time of learning, worship, personal reflection, spiritual growth and communal fellowship with other professional registered nurses. The Faith Community Nursing course prepares nurses to establish and/or grow a health ministry within their faith community.

### Course Highlights

- Nurses must participate in all classes and complete all assignments and program evaluations prior to the deadline to receive the Westberg Institute's Certificate of Completion and 40.5 contact hours.
- This course will be taught via Zoom based on the curriculum developed through the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing.\*

*Note: that this course may be cancelled or postponed for insufficient qualified applicants. In that event, registered participants will be fully refunded.*

### QUESTIONS?

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO: [NADhealth.org/AAFCN/foundations](https://NADhealth.org/AAFCN/foundations)**

This Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course is based on the curriculum developed through the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing, which curriculum is owned by Spiritual Care Association 505 8th Ave., Suite 900, New York, NY 10018.