

# What is a Faith Community Nurse?

Faith Community Nurses (FCNs) are licensed, registered professional nurses (RN) who practice patient-centered care, combining their nursing knowledge with spiritual care. They advocate for the needs of self, congregants, and the community at large, empowering them to be in control, while assisting in finding health and wholeness. FCNs do not provide hands-on care. However, through their roles as health educators and counselors, promote health and ways to prevent and/or minimize illness.

FCN ministry efforts may be salaried or on an unpaid status. Nevertheless, the RN who accepts the call is caring, compassionate and a servant-leader with a strong sense of faith and hope. In return, they receive "...the most rewarding job that God has given me. I feel... like I'm fulfilling my purpose, and the reason I became a nurse."

Faith Community Nursing imparts close attention to an individual's spirit, where praying and addressing spiritual needs are supported. Individuals or groups come to the ministry at times feeling hopeless and helpless. The FCN must be able to inspire hope and encourage faith which, in turn, changes their outlook and possibly health outcomes, maintaining and/or regaining wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

*This specialty practice is regulated by the Faith Community Nurse Scope and Standards of Practice (3rd edition), your state's Nurse Practice Act, as well as Nursing's "Code of Ethics with Interpretive Statements".*

**"Faith without works is useless."**

— James 2:20

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## SPRING 2025 Online Course

A web-based educational course for Registered Professional Nurses of every denomination or faith system.

**Fridays & Saturdays**  
**February 28 - March 1 through**  
**March 28-29, 2025**

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

Faith Community Nurse Program  
Catholic Health ARTC Mission Integration  
144 Genesee Street, 6th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14203

## Application/Registration

15 participants will be enrolled.

I wish to register for:

### Foundations of Faith Community Nursing

Spring 2025 Course

#### \$400 Course Fee

*Scholarships are available!*

(Visit PNMNY.org for information and application.)

#### 36.5-42 contact hours\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NYS RN License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this application with course fee  
(check or money order made payable) to:

**CH Faith Community Nurse Program**  
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**Attn: Yvonne Askew—Coordinator**

Registration ends:

**Monday, February 3, 2025**

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\*Awarding of contact hours requires attendance/  
participation in ALL of the sessions, with the  
participant completing all course requirements.

*Catholic Health System is an approved provider of continuing  
nursing education by Pennsylvania State Nurses Association  
an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing  
Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

## Course Overview

This **Foundations of Faith Community Nursing** course, developed through the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing in consultation with the National League of Nursing (NLN) and the American Nurses Association Credentialing Center (ANACC), explores this specialty practice which combines professional nursing with health ministry.

Developed from the Judeo-Christian perspective, this 2024 curriculum is respectful of, and can be applied to, other faith traditions by exploring their differences and similarities.

In the context of their faith tradition, areas of discovery include:

- Practice History and Philosophy
- Ethical Issues
- Healing and Whole Person Health
- Loss, Suffering & Grief and more...

Participant will utilize the nursing process as it applies to the leadership role of an FCN, preparing them to initiate and maintain this health ministry within, and to, the larger surrounding community.

Participants must be a registered nurse with an unencumbered, active license, and access to a computer with internet connection.

This ten-class course is conducted with live participation through a web-based system.

**Spring 2025 Course classes will take place online on Fridays 4:50 pm - 9:45 pm and Saturdays 8:50 am - 1:30 pm**

*Please have your religious texts available to discern and share.*

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For more information on this  
ANA approved specialty practice visit:

**[chsbuffalo.org/fcn](http://chsbuffalo.org/fcn)**

