

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing

VU Jasper Campus, in cooperation with Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center is pleased to offer specialized training for nurses. This non-credentialing course is designed to introduce and prepare registered nurses for the specialty practice of faith community nursing.



What is Faith Community Nursing?

Faith community nurses are licensed, registered nurses who practice wholistic health for self, individuals and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care.

They function in paid and unpaid positions as members of the pastoral team in a variety of religious faiths, cultures, and countries. The focus of their work is on the intentional care of the spirit, assisting the members of the faith community to maintain and/or regain wholeness in body, mind, and spirit. Parish nursing is a growing specialty practice of nursing that is recognized by the American Nursing Association as Faith Community Nursing. It is also a ministry that is embraced by many different Christian denominations as well as other faith traditions. To learn more about Foundations of Faith Community Nursing go to parishnurses.org.

What is taught in the course?

In this nondenominational course, spirituality is a content thread woven through out each module. The modules are divided into the units of spirituality, professionalism, wholistic health, and community.

Topics covered include:

Spirituality

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

Professionalism

Ethical Issues
Documenting Practice
Legal Aspects
Beginning Your Ministry
Communication and Collaboration

Wholistic health

Health Promotion
Behavioral Health
Transforming Life Issues: Family Violence
Transforming Life Issues: Loss, Suffering & Grief

Community

Assessment
Accessing Resources
Advocacy
Care Coordination

Who is eligible to enroll? As a nursing specialty, there are specific qualifications for those entering faith community nursing. The person must be a registered nurse with a current license or a student in a baccalaureate nursing education program. The person must also have at least 2-5 years of experience where skills have been developed for health assessment and problem-solving. Upon completion of the program students will receive 40 credit hours of continuing education. Attendance for all classroom hours is required for the noncredit certificate.

Dates and times:

Please call for current dates and times.

Location: Memorial Lodge, 2590 S. Newton, Jasper, IN (For directional map send an email to vujcce@vinu.edu.)

Cost: \$435 includes book, materials, morning coffee and lunch.

Tuition assistance may be available from the Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center Foundation and the Welborn Baptist Foundation. Send an email to jmcfaul@vinu.edu for further details.

Instructors:

- Lanet Owen, RN, BSN. Ms. Owen is Faith Community Nurse and coordinator of the Parish/Faith Community Nurse program for Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, Jasper, IN.
- Amy Hanson, RN. Ms. Hanson is the Faith Community Coordinator for Welborn Baptist Foundation, Evansville, IN .
- Teresa Casey, MSN, APRN. Ms. Casey is a Faith Community Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner and currently serves as the faith community nurse and medical provider for Isaiah House, a faith-based addiction recovery program in Willisburg, KY.

Registration with full payment required one week prior to class start. To register please send an email to: vujcce.edu and request a registration form or call 812-481-5937.



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