

# Foundations of Faith Community Nursing

Vincennes University, in cooperation with Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center is pleased to offer a growing specialty practice of nursing recognized by the American Nursing Association as Faith Community Nursing. This non-credentialing course is designed to introduce and prepare registered nurses for the specialty practice of faith community nursing. **Classes available Spring 2020.**



## 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, as well as the promotion of whole-person health and the prevention and minimization of illness within the context of a faith community and the wider community. 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](http://parishnurses.org).

## What is taught in the course?

In this nondenominational course, spirituality is a content thread woven through out each module. The Core Values of FCN embrace four major concepts: Spiritual Formation, Professionalism, Whole-Person Health and Community.

## Topics covered include:

- ◇ History and Philosophy
- ◇ Health, Healing and Whole Person Health
- ◇ Spiritual Care
- ◇ Prayer & Self Care
- ◇ Ethical Issues
- ◇ Documenting Practice
- ◇ Legal Aspects
- ◇ Beginning Your Ministry
- ◇ Communication and Collaboration
- ◇ Health Promotion
- ◇ Behavioral Health
- ◇ Violence
- ◇ Loss, Suffering & Grief
- ◇ Assessment and Accessing Resources
- ◇ Advocacy, Care Coordination & Transitional Care

**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 36.5 credit hours of continuing education and a noncredit Certificate of Completion from Vincennes University. Attendance for all online and classroom hours is required for the noncredit certificate.

## Format:

This class is a hybrid class with a majority of the training done online. Will also require face-to-face meetings in Jasper, IN on March 17, 5 - 9pm, April 7, 5 - 9pm, and May 5, 5 - 9pm. (All times are EASTERN.)

**Location:** Memorial Lodge, 2590 S. Newton, Jasper, IN

**Cost:** \$435 includes book and materials.

Tuition assistance may be available from the Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center Foundation and the Welborn Baptist Foundation. Send an email to Kathleen Willegal, [kwillega@mhhcc.org](mailto:kwillega@mhhcc.org) for further details.

## Instructors:

- Kate M. Willegal, DNP, RN, Nurse Clinician, RN Primary Care Program, Interprofessional Research Council Chair, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, Jasper, IN.
- Amy Hanson, RN. Ms. Hanson is the Faith Community Coordinator for Welborn Baptist Foundation, Evansville, IN.
- Marcia Hill, BSN, RN, Faith Community Nurse Coordinator, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, Jasper, IN .

**Registration with full payment required one week prior to class start.**

To register go to:

[www.vinu.edu/vujc-continuing-ed](http://www.vinu.edu/vujc-continuing-ed) and click on "Register Online for Continuing Education" and select: **Foundations of Faith Community Nursing**  
Call 812-481-5937 for assistance.



**MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
And Health Care Center  
Sponsored by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Inc.  
800 West 9th Street ▲ Jasper, IN 47546 ▲ 812/996-2345  
[www.mhhcc.org](http://www.mhhcc.org)

*This Faith Community Nurse Foundations course is based on curriculum developed through the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing, which curriculum is owned by Church Health Center of Memphis, Inc., 1350 Concourse Ave., Suite 142, Memphis, TN 38104.*