

# Faith Community Nurse Network of the Greater Twin Cities

## Faith Community Nursing Basic Preparation Course 2010

The Faith Community Nurse Network of the Greater Twin Cities - a private, non-profit interfaith service organization created by and for faith community nurses - is pleased to offer the Faith Community Nursing Basic Preparation Course.

### Course Description

The course utilizes the newly revised **International Parish Nurse Resource Center** 2009 curriculum. The curriculum emphasizes the spiritual dimension, professionalism, wholistic health and community as its central conceptual model for Faith Community Nursing.

The ***Spiritual Dimension*** is the central core of Faith Community Nursing practice, wherein each Faith Community Nurse is encouraged to live out her/his beliefs and faith with self, others, and God/Higher Power. This unit includes modules on History and Philosophy, Prayer, Self Care and Healing and Wholeness.

The unit on ***Professionalism*** includes parameters within which the Faith Community Nurse practices, including the *Faith Community Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice*, and state/country practice acts. Other modules deal with Communication, Documentation, and Beginning your Ministry.

The ***Wholistic Health*** unit espouses the belief that the Faith Community Nurse promotes Shalom as a foundation for wholism, health and healing. Health promotion introduces the concepts of education, prevention, and teaching/learning principles across the life span. Other life issues such as suffering, grief and loss, and family violence are included.

The unit on ***Community*** asserts that community is a group with common interests, including the faith community, professional nursing community,

geographic community, global community, demographic community, or other communities. Issues of diversity are considered within this model.

## **Faculty**

Our Lead Faculty is comprised of experienced Faith Community Nurses who have completed faculty education at the International Parish Nurse Resource Center in St. Louis.

**Delores Huanca, RN, BSN, MS, FCN**, Faith Community Nurse at the First Evangelical Free Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Louise Nesdahl, RN, BSN, MAT, FCN**, Faith Community Nurse at Salem Lutheran Church in West St. Paul, Minnesota.

Louise and Dee lead an interfaith team of Adjunct Faculty, comprised of experienced faith community nurses and nursing educators. Our 2010 Adjunct Faculty includes:

**Eleanor Edman, PhD, RN**, member of Salem Covenant Church, New Brighton, MN and the Northwest Conference (Evangelical Covenant) Parish Nursing Commission. Eleanor is Professor Emeritus at Bethel University.

**Judy Green, RN, FCN**, Parish Nurse at Trinity Lutheran of Minnehaha Falls in Minneapolis, MN.

**Debby Jewett, RN, MPH, PNP, FCN**, Congregational Nurse at Adath Jeshurun, Minnetonka, MN. Debby also holds a leadership position in Hadassah and serves on FCNN's Continuing Education Committee.

**Barbara Leonard, PhD, RN, FAAN**, Professor of Nursing, University of Minnesota and Health Ministry Member at Ascension Episcopal Church in Stillwater, MN. Barbara is Co-Chair of FCNN's Research & Education Advisory Council.

**Nancy Ludescher, RN, BSN, FCN**, Parish Nurse at Church of St. Dominic, Northfield, Minnesota. Nancy is also active in the Catholic Parish Nurse Ministry Association and serves on FCNN's Continuing Education Committee.

**Shelly Rock, RN, BSN, FCN**, is Parish Nurse at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stillwater, MN. Shelly assists with course development and administration and also serves on FCNN's Continuing Education Committee.

**Valborg Tollefsrud, RN, MSN, FCN**, Parish Nurse at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN and Professor Emeritus at St. Olaf

School of Nursing. Valborg is a founding member of the ELCA Parish Nurse Association. Valborg is Co-Chair of FCNN's Research & Education Advisory Council and serves on the Continuing Education Committee.

**Joann Wessman, PhD, RN**, is Coordinator of Family Health Ministries at Riverdale Assembly of God in Andover, MN and Professor Emeritus at Bethel University Nursing Department.

**Barbara Zell, RN, MS, FCN**, former Parish Nurse at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Richfield, MN and Executive Director of the River Valley Nursing Center in Chaska, MN.

### **Prospective Students**

The Course is designed to meet the needs of Registered Nurses; only RNs will receive Continuing Education Units. Chaplains, health ministers, faith community nursing coordinators and other related professionals may also enroll in the class but will not receive certification as a faith community nurse.

### **Continuing Education Units:**

A total of 40 Continuing Education Units will be awarded to Registered Nurses who complete the Course. Others who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion.

### **Fees**

The cost of the course is \$550. This fee includes contact hours, materials, IPNRC pin, certificate, and snacks.

### **Scholarships**

The Faith Community Nurse Network of the Greater Twin Cities (FCNN) is committed to increasing the number of faith community nurses practicing in the metro area. FCNN will award a limited number of \$250 scholarships to Registered Nurses who live in the 11-county Twin Cities area (Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, or Wright County).

To be considered, the nurse must submit an initial \$300 payment along with a letter of support from her congregation's leadership (i.e. pastor, rabbi, priest, church council) documenting (1) the congregation's intent to pursue

faith community nursing and their support of this nurse's candidacy and (2) a statement of financial need. A nurse who is receiving support from another institution in pursuing this educational course is not eligible for an FCNN scholarship. The nurse will be notified if a scholarship will be awarded granted within 2 weeks of receipt of all required materials.

**Course Dates:**

Tuesday evenings, 6:00-9:00 PM

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23

April 6, 13, 20, 27

**Location:**

Brookdale Library

6125 Shingle Creek Parkway

Brooklyn Center, Minnesota 55430

❖ Space is limited. Deadline for registration is January 15, 2010.

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