

Program Description

The Foundations of Faith Community/ Parish Nursing course organized by Meritus Health is designed to provide the necessary knowledge and tools for professional nurses to function in the role of a faith community nurse or parish nurse in their congregation or holistic setting.

A faith community nurse is a registered nurse with a current license and a mature faith commitment. He/she does not provide medical care but instead serves as a health educator, an advocate, a caring resource, a liaison with community resources, and an integrator of faith and health.

Faith Community Nursing is a specialty practice in nursing, as recognized by the American Nurses Association. **This course is based on the most recent curriculum developed by the Westberg Institute in consultation with the Health Ministries Association.**

If you are not a registered nurse, you may still attend, with the intention of joining or facilitating the start of a parish nurse ministry within your congregation.



Content Overview

- ◆ History and Philosophy
- ◆ Prayer, Self-Care
- ◆ Healing and Wholeness
- ◆ Ethics, Legal Issues
- ◆ Beginning Your Ministry
- ◆ Family Violence, Grief, and Loss
- ◆ Community Assessment
- ◆ Care Coordination

The schedule allows time for reflection and worship to foster spiritual growth.

Parish Nursing Program
1799 Howell Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Foundations of Faith Community/ Parish Nursing Course

September 27, 28 and
October 25, 26, 2019

Otterbein United Methodist Church
Hagerstown, Maryland



Meritus
Health

Course Dates:

September 27, 28 and

October 25, 26, 2019

All Days: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The program combines four days of interactive classroom instruction with independent learning assignments to be completed in preparation for the program and also between the September and October sessions.

Location:

Otterbein United Methodist Church

108 E. Franklin St.

Hagerstown, MD 21740

301-739-9386



Accommodations:

Hampton Inn

1716 Dual Highway, Hagerstown
301-739-6100

Comfort Suites

1801 Dual Highway, Hagerstown
301-791-8100

Cost

Free to our network parish nurses who have already attended a previous Washington County Hospital or Meritus Health educational preparation program.

\$180 for nurses who will be joining our local network. Our network includes Washington County, MD; Adams and Franklin counties in PA; and Berkeley and Jefferson counties in WV.

\$450 for nurses outside our regional network.

Fees include continental breakfast, lunches, light snacks, resource materials, 38 ANCC contact hours, and Westberg Institute stained glass pin.

Scholarships for our network nurses have been provided by Meritus Healthcare Foundation.

Limited registration. Registrations begin July 1, 2019

Deadline: September 13, 2019.

For credit card payment, call Jodi at: 301-766-7845. Credit cards will be billed at the time of registration.

To pay by check, mail to:

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1799 Howell Road
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Checks made payable to Meritus Health. In memo line, write "Parish Nursing." For more information on Meritus Health's parish nursing program, call Wendy Zimmerman at 301-766-7840. No refunds available after September 20, 2019.



Faculty

Wendy Zimmerman, B.S.N., RN-BC, in Faith Community Nursing

The Rev. Anne Weatherholt, M.Div

The Rev. Patrick Ricker,
M.Div, LCPC

Lynne Waldron, M.S.N., RN, Faith
Community Nurse

Lisa Zerull, PhD, RN-BC,
Faith Community Nurse

Guest faculty will present from their field of expertise, including a panel of practicing parish nurses and a parish nurse and clergy team presentation.

Course Credit

Participants will receive 38 ANCC contact hours for full participation in this program.

No partial credit will be awarded.

Ten hours of independent learning assignments are required for full credit.

The Nursing
Education

Department of

Meritus Health is

accredited with distinction as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.





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Questions about registering?
Call 301-766-7845

Name of Attendee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home congregation: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Deadline for mail-in registration forms: Sept. 13, 2019.

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