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OhioHealth Faith Community Nursing Program

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Partnerships Program*



WHAT IS FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING?

Faith Community Nursing, also called Parish Nursing, began in 1992. This specialized practice of professional nursing focuses on intentional care of the spirit, promotion of holistic health, illness prevention and health improvement within a faith community.

WHAT GUIDES FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING?

According to the American Nursing Association, Faith Community Nurses must be guided by the following principles:

- + Effective healthcare requires more than medical treatment of the disease or illness
- + Promotion of health and healing is part of the mission and service of a faith community
- + Wellness and wholeness can only fully be achieved when we acknowledge the close connection between mind, body and spirit

Adopted from Scope and Standards of Practice Faith Community Nursing, Second Edition

WHAT DOES A FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE DO?

Faith Community Nurses serve in roles specific to a faith community's needs. Most often, Faith Community Nurses:

- + Assist or accompany clergy on hospital, extended care facility or home visits
- + Provide health education programs on disease prevention and health and wellness while supporting the mind, body and spirit
- + Facilitate the location of necessary community assistance programs, such as home care, food pantries and support groups
- + Improve health literacy that promotes better self-care

WHY SHOULD MY CONGREGATION CONSIDER THE OHIOHEALTH FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM?

- + Health and wellness coordinators assist with designing the ministry to meet the unique needs of each congregation
- + Monthly forum meetings are held for Faith Community Nursing education, resources, fellowship and spiritual nurturance
- + Outreach activities that improve health access and health literacy
- + Support in developing faith-based health promotion and disease prevention program
- + Linkage to OhioHealth primary care physicians and other OhioHealth services throughout central Ohio
- + Promote cooperative efforts among faith communities, hospitals, other healthcare organizations and the community

JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP

There are a few basic steps to develop your congregation's health and wellness ministry with a Faith Community Nurse. To get started:

- + Meet with your senior congregational leadership for support of the ministry
- + Designate at least one leader to the ministry
- + Schedule a meeting with the OhioHealth Faith Community Nursing program leaders

WE CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED!

For more information or to discuss becoming a partner of the Faith Community Nursing program, please contact:

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