

Parish Nursing/Faith Community Nursing

Christ's ministry was always wholistic; Christ treated the "whole" person – physically, emotionally, spiritually. His was a healing ministry, and He led his disciples by example. The Scriptures are replete with references to abundant living as a proper and desirable goal.

Today, health care has become increasingly segmented and complex. People have difficulty sorting out and receiving services they need. Fortunately, health professions and the church have recently recognized the need for a healthcare ministry, and a new concept was born: parish nursing. Parish nurses do not provide home healthcare nursing. When such care is needed, a parish nurse makes the appropriate referral to a community agency.

Parish nurses are registered nurses prepared in wholistic ministry to work with members of a faith community in many ways:

- Visit members in homes or hospitals
- Assist in obtaining needed health services
- Help members understand the relationship between body, mind and spirit
- Promote wellness through education and screenings
- Develop support groups within the church
- Coordinate congregational volunteers

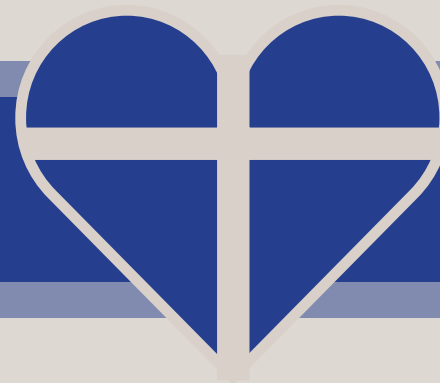
The Parish Nurse Ministry Program

Since the first preparation course at Concordia College in 1991, the program has helped more than 1,600 nurses complete the course. Many of these nurses serve in congregations in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Montana and many other states. Our alumni come from many different denominations and are serving in a variety of faith communities.

Parish Nurse Ministry Program Philosophy Statement

A parish nurse is a professional nurse who is called and committed to the healing ministry of the church. The parish nurse serves within a home congregation to help meet the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of its members. *This ministry is grounded in the tradition of the church, "to preach the kingdom of God and to heal"* (Luke 9:2).

The parish nurse program within a congregation also recognizes that the ministry of the church community is to proclaim God's desire that we strive toward an abundant, healthful life. Jesus says in John 10:10, *"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*



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Registration

Please indicate which class you will be attending:

- Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. • March 12-16, 2012 (Deadline: Feb. 27)
- Atonement Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D. • May 14-18, 2012
(Deadline: April 30)
- The Good Shepherd Community, Sauk Rapids, Minn. • June 4-8, 2012
(Deadline: May 21)
- I would like information on housing (available for an additional charge).

Parish Nurse Preparation Course: \$575 Fee includes some meals and materials necessary to start a health and healing ministry.

Please print all information clearly.

Formal name _____

RN license number and state _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Church/Faith Community _____

Street Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Faith Community Leader/Clergy Name _____

A letter of reference from a professional colleague or clergy person is needed one week before the class begins.

A \$100 preregistration fee should accompany this registration. Balance of fee (\$475) is due at the first class. Please call regarding our refund policy. Sorry, but we are unable to process credit cards. Please send your completed registration form, fee and recommendation letter to: **Attn: Dr. Jean Bokinskie, The Parish Nurse Ministry Program, Concordia College, 901 8th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56562**

Program Content

- Historical perspectives and philosophy of parish nursing
- Biblical healing in the church's ministry
- Strategies for developing a parish nurse ministry
- Assessing congregational health needs
- Prayer: a therapeutic role for the parish nurse
- Spiritual self-care and providing spiritual care
- Health promotion activities
- Active listening
- Documenting and evaluating the parish nurse ministry
- Legal issues and ethical concerns
- Embracing faith traditions
- Caring for those experiencing grief and loss



Special Events

- Service for Healing and Service of Dedication
- Mentoring session with active parish nurses
- Discussion panel – clergy and parish nurse

For More Information

For more information about parish nursing, write:
The Parish Nurse Ministry Program, Concordia College,
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or visit the website at
www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/Offices/parishnurse1.php.



Jean Bokinskie, Director

This program meets the requirements to use the standardized core curriculum developed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, 475 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119. This program is designed to meet the Minnesota Board of Nursing requirements for contact hours.