

**FCN Registration Form**

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CONGREGATION / CHURCH'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHURCH TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

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Our parish/church/faith community is supportive of \_\_\_\_\_  
(nurse's name) participating in this training event and she/he will receive our support to implement this ministry upon completion of the course. Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of PASTOR/MINISTER/LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed name of PASTOR/MINISTER/LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

Your registration form must be mailed along with the \$50.00 deposit to:

**Wyoming Health Council**  
**1920 Thomes, Ave., Suite 100**  
**Cheyenne, WY 82001**

Registration is on a first come - first served basis. Once we receive your registration with deposit we will mail you a confirmation packet.

This course is limited to the first 12 applicants. Once the course is full any additional applicants will be placed on a waiting list and their deposit will be returned.

First class session is Friday September 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and will meet in the Parish Hall at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 2602 Deming Blvd., Cheyenne, WY.

**Lead Instructor & Training Coordinator:**

The Reverend Carol E. Peterson, M.S., R.N.

- Parish Nurse Educator / WY FCN Coordinator
- Deacon and Parish Nurse, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Cheyenne, WY
- Nurse, Health Educator, Public Health Program Manager

**Additional faculty will include regional and state experts in health and faith issues, including representatives from various denominations.**

*Questions? Contact Carol at*

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# Faith Community Nurse / Parish Nurse Basic Preparation Course

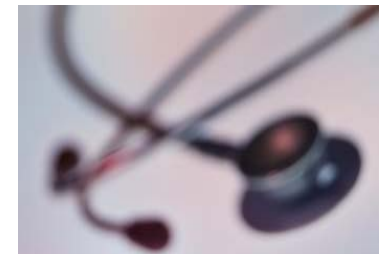
A 35 Hour Continuing Education  
Course for Registered Nurses

A Non-Denominational,  
Ecumenical Event

**This course will take place  
over four weekends:**

**Sept. 18 & 19**  
**Sept. 25 & 26**  
**Oct. 9 & 10**  
**Oct. 16 & 17**

**Friday evenings 6pm to 9pm &  
Saturdays 9am to 4pm**



**WHAT** - This 35-hour faith continuing education, basic preparation course is for nurses that hold an active, valid RN license.

This non-denominational, ecumenical course is based on curriculum developed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, St. Louis, MO in cooperation with the Health Ministries Association Inc., Rosewell, GA. The Wyoming Health Council provides this course in association with the Parish Nurse Center, Carroll College, Helena, MT. Faith Community Nursing is recognized by the ANA as a specialty practice of professional nursing.

**WHEN** - Course runs over four weekends (Friday evenings 6pm-9pm and Saturday day 9am-4pm) Sept. 18 & 19, Sept. 25 & 26, Oct. 9 & 10 and Oct. 16 & 17.

**WHERE:** St. Christopher's Episcopal Church (meet there the first evening on Sept.18 ). Some sessions will be held at Davis Hospice Center, LCCC and other locations.

**Cost:** The fee for this course is \$200.00; a \$50.00 deposit is to be mailed in with the registration form and the remaining \$150.00 is due the first evening of class.

**Additional Requirements:** Participants are required to have their minister, faith community leader or lay leader sign the registration form to assure buy in by the congregation's leadership.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS**

- Commitment to a wholistic concept of health care, including the spiritual dimension of healing and health
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work with others from the congregation and larger community
- Demonstrated relationship with a faith community
- Time and desire to implement a parish nurse / health ministry program within their faith community
- Active, valid license to practice as a Registered Nurse.

#### **WHAT IS FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING?**

A Faith Community Nurse (aka Parish Nurse) is called and committed to the tradition of healing ministry. Each serves within their faith community to help meet the mental, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the members of their faith community. The faith community nurse serves as a paid or unpaid member of church staff working within the congregation to establish and sustain a health ministry program.

A health ministry program is developed based on the following concepts:

1. Health requires more than medical treatment of disease or illness.
2. Health ministries focus on achieving wholeness, acknowledging the close connection between mind, body, and spirit.
3. Health ministries advocate for health promotion and disease prevention.
4. Faith community nurses are caring, spiritually mature people who reach out to comfort, console, strengthen, teach and encourage the faith community.

Health Ministry programs may include the following types of activities: health screening; educational programs that promote wellness by integrating the concepts and practices of faith and health; advocating for clients and connecting them with resources; listening and providing support and referral; training and coordinating volunteers; visitation in the home or healthcare setting.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS** -A certificate of completion will be provided to participants that complete the course. Nursing CEUs (35 contact hours) will also be available.

***Learn More About Faith Community Nursing On-Line at:***

International Parish Nurse Association  
[www.parishnurses.org](http://www.parishnurses.org)

Health Ministry Association [www.hmassoc.org](http://www.hmassoc.org)

Parish Nurse Center, Carroll College, Helena, MT  
[www.carroll.edu/parishnurse](http://www.carroll.edu/parishnurse)

#### **TRAINING TOPICS COVERED**

- Health, Healing and Wholeness
- History and Philosophy of Faith Community Nursing and Health Ministry
- Ethics
- Legal Issues and Accountability
- Self Care
- Assessment: Individual, Family, Faith Community
- Functions of the Faith Community Nurse
  - Integrator of Faith and Health
  - Personal Health Counselor
  - Health Educator
  - Referral Agent
  - Coordinator of Volunteers
  - Accessing and Developing Support Groups
- Getting Started
- Functioning within a Ministerial Team
- Health Promotion and Wellness
- Prayer and the Worship Leader
- Grief and Loss
- Family Violence
- Documentation

