Is this a Christian-based program only?

No, although history of the FCN began with Judeo-Christian roots, there are registered nurses serving in similar capacities within Jewish, Muslim and other faith traditions. In fact, there are Faith Community Nurses in all 50 states and other nations.

Referrals

Faith Leaders of Congregations and St. Peter’s Health Partners Acute, Ambulatory and Continuing Care Divisions can refer to the FCN Program

Interested in learning more?

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Faith Community Nurse Program

A community-based health ministry offered to individuals of all ages who are associated with participating faith congregations or have a desire to be. Focus is on intentional care of the spirit, prevention or minimization of illness, promotion of health, maintenance of wellness, and embraces wholistic health concepts, which emphasize the spiritual, physical, and emotional dimensions of individuals.

- An interfaith ministry designed to promote health and wellness within the values, beliefs and practices of local faith communities.
- A collaborative effort that serves as a bridge between faith communities and St. Peter’s Health Partners.
- A creative way to identify and respond to the health needs of the community.
- A resource to assist faith communities in establishing a The Faith Community Nurse Program.

What is Faith Community Nursing?

Faith Community Nurses (FCN) are spiritually mature, pastorally called, licensed registered nurses that are recognized as a specialty by the American Nurses Association. FCNs support the ongoing transformation of the faith community as source of health and healing, in collaboration with faith leaders.

Role of a Faith Community Nurse Program

Special focus will be compassionate care to the elderly, frail, vulnerable and at-risk population who may lack the human and financial resources or knowledge to care for or advocate for themselves in an adequate manner.

Faith Community Nurses (FCN):

- Are health educators
- Are personal health counselors
- Are liaisons to faith and community resources
- Are health advocates
- Provide spiritual presence through life’s transitions
- Develop support groups
- Coordinate and train volunteers

FCNs do not perform clinical or invasive procedures.

How can I become a faith community nurse?

Registered nurses (RNs) with an active, current license must complete a basic preparation course that provides the necessary foundation for a successful health ministry.