



Faith Community Nursing Revised Scopes and Standards of Practice - Education Requirement

The revised scopes and standards expand upon the education requirement for Faith Community Nurses (or Parish Nurses). To function as a Faith Community Nurse (FCN) in a church or other setting, it is important to have the proper education and training. The revised standards have outlined the education and training required. They also refer to the possibility of nurses having the opportunity to pursue credentialing as an FCN in the near future.

An approved 34 hour foundation course will be required of all nurses interested in working or volunteering as an FCN if you began working in this field after January 2012 or you want to be credentialed. In addition, it is highly recommended for anyone that has not completed a basic training class in faith community nursing or has not kept up with continuing education, especially in spiritual care and other topics related to this field, to take the 34 hour foundation course.

Fortunately, there are courses being offered in Cincinnati and Columbus this spring as well as in other cities across the country. There are also online courses available. For more information, visit www.parishhealthministry.com/educational-opportunities or contact your ERH Parish Health Ministry Coordinator.