Program Description
The Foundations of Faith Community/Parish Nursing course organized by Meritus Health is designed to provide the necessary knowledge and tools for professional nurses to function in the role of a faith community nurse or parish nurse in their congregation or holistic setting.

A faith community nurse is a registered nurse with a current license and a mature faith commitment. He/she does not provide medical care but instead serves as a health educator, an advocate, a caring resource, a liaison with community resources, and an integrator of faith and health.

Faith Community Nursing is a specialty practice in nursing, as recognized by the American Nurses Association. This course is based on the most recent curriculum developed by the Westberg Institute in consultation with the Health Ministries Association.

If you are not a registered nurse, you may still attend, with the intention of joining or facilitating the start of a parish nurse ministry within your congregation.

Content Overview
♦ History and Philosophy
♦ Prayer, Self-Care
♦ Healing and Wholeness
♦ Ethics, Legal Issues
♦ Beginning Your Ministry
♦ Family Violence, Grief, and Loss
♦ Community Assessment
♦ Care Coordination

The schedule allows time for reflection and worship to foster spiritual growth.
Course Dates:

September 27, 28 and October 25, 26, 2019
All Days: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The program combines four days of interactive classroom instruction with independent learning assignments to be completed in preparation for the program and also between the September and October sessions.

Location:

Otterbein United Methodist Church
108 E. Franklin St.
Hagerstown, MD 21740
301-739-9386

Cost

Free to our network parish nurses who have already attended a previous Washington County Hospital or Meritus Health educational preparation program.

$180 for nurses who will be joining our local network. Our network includes Washington County, MD; Adams and Franklin counties in PA; and Berkeley and Jefferson counties in WV.

$450 for nurses outside our regional network.

Fees include continental breakfast, lunches, light snacks, resource materials, 38 ANCC contact hours, and Westberg Institute stained glass pin. Scholarships for our network nurses have been provided by Meritus Healthcare Foundation.

Limited registration. Registrations begin July 1, 2019
Deadline: September 13, 2019.

For credit card payment, call Jodi at: 301-766-7845. Credit cards will be billed at the time of registration.

To pay by check, mail to:
Parish Nursing Program
1799 Howell Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740


Faculty

Wendy Zimmerman, B.S.N., RN-BC, in Faith Community Nursing
The Rev. Anne Weatherholt, M.Div
The Rev. Patrick Ricker, M.Div, LCPC
Lynne Waldron, M.S.N., RN, Faith Community Nurse
Lisa Zerull, PhD, RN-BC, Faith Community Nurse

Guest faculty will present from their field of expertise, including a panel of practicing parish nurses and a parish nurse and clergy team presentation.

Course Credit

Participants will receive 38 ANCC contact hours for full participation in this program.

No partial credit will be awarded.
Ten hours of independent learning assignments are required for full credit.

The Nursing Education Department of Meritus Health is accredited with distinction as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Accommodations:

Hampton Inn
1716 Dual Highway, Hagerstown
301-739-6100

Comfort Suites
1801 Dual Highway, Hagerstown
301-791-8100