



Westberg Institute

for Faith Community Nursing





What is Parish/ Faith Community Nursing?

Parish nurses are licensed, registered nurses who practice wholistic health for self, individuals and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. They function as paid or unpaid professionals as members of the pastoral team in a variety of religious faiths, cultures, and countries. The focus of their work is on the intentional care of the spirit, assisting the members of the faith community and other faith-based organizations to maintain and/or regain wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

Westberg Institute Educational Partnership

Parish nursing happens in many different denominations internationally. We want to see more countries developing these ministries in sustainable ways. The International Foundations of Parish Nursing course is an excellent way to train local nurses in leading their own faith-based health ministry. Universities may be interested in offering this nursing course in order to promote multiple forms of community outreach.

We encourage their national nursing leaders and faith community leaders to get in touch with Westberg Institute. Please contact World Forum co-chairs or email: admin@westberginstitute.org for information about the curriculum and its associated agreements and costs. In order to teach the Foundations course anywhere in the world, registration with the Westberg Institute is a legal requirement.

We have further resources for training Coordinators and Educators.



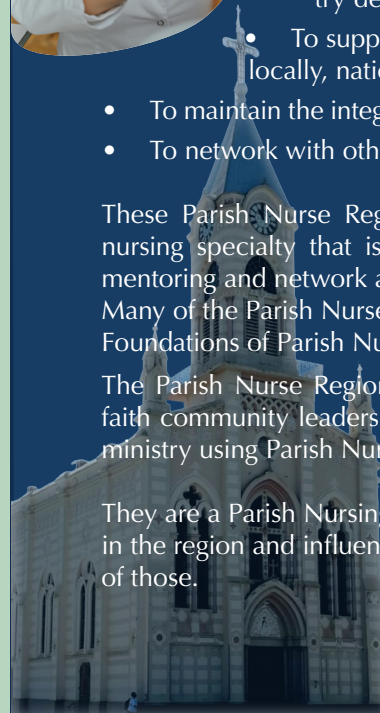
Objectives of the World Forum Committee:

- To meet regularly, currently quarterly, with Lead Educators and Country Leaders of the Parish Nursing Regional Networks to provide a mechanism for sharing Parish Nursing ideas, best practices, education, spirituality and ministry development.
- To support educators and stakeholders who advocate Parish Nursing locally, nationally and internationally.
- To maintain the integrity of the International Foundations of Parish Nursing course.
- To network with others to expand Parish Nursing worldwide.

These Parish Nurse Regional Networks promote Parish Nursing as a professional nursing specialty that is culturally appropriate for their countries, offer education, mentoring and network among the Parish Nurses within their countries and region. Many of the Parish Nurse Regional Networks offer training and use the International Foundations of Parish Nursing Curriculum.

The Parish Nurse Regional Networks engage with nurses, faith community leadership, and all interested in health ministry using Parish Nurses as part of that practice.

They are a Parish Nursing resource for those in the region and influence the nursing boards of those.





Interested in becoming a Parish Nurse?

On the Westberg Institute website you can get the contact information that will take you to the international organizations that are either currently offering courses or can direct you to them.

Most are online, so distance is not an issue.

www.westberginstitute.org



or send an email to:

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