

Parish Nurse Education Programs and Continuing Education



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Parish Nursing Standards for Practice 2015

Standard #1 Professional Practice and Accountability

The Parish Nurse upholds the attributes of the profession through an ongoing commitment to responsible and accountable parish nursing practice. Each parish nurse is accountable to the individuals, families and the faith community she/he serves. She/he is responsible for the quality and impact of the care provided, and for maintaining professional competence and continuing education.

Standard #2- Wholistic Nursing Care and Health Promotion

Each parish nurse views the individual as a unified whole of body, mind and spirit and considers spiritual care as central to the practice of parish nursing

In pursuing optimal health, the parish nurse recognises that faith and health are clearly linked, and that psychosocial and spiritual care are integral to promoting wholistic wellness. The parish nurse utilizes specific nursing strategies for promoting health with individuals, groups, families, the faith community and the larger community.

Standard #3- Facilitation of Spiritual Care

Each parish nurse associates spiritual beliefs and practices with all aspects of an individual's life and health. The parish nurse uses specific nursing interventions to provided spiritual care.

Standard #4- Communication and Collaboration

Parish Nurses communicate and collaborate within the structure and administration of the faith community to strengthen the capacity for health, healing and wholeness. Parish nurses create collaborative relationships and partnerships that connect individuals and foster healthy communication.

Standard #5- Advocacy and Ethics

Maintaining respect for ethical, cultural and sexual diversity and individual choice, values and beliefs, the Parish Nurse supports and assists with access to relevant information, resources, health system and social services.

Treating all persons with respect and dignity, the Parish Nurse identifies vulnerable persons and/ or populations and advocates for systemic and social change that increased community responsiveness.

Standard #6- Research and Evidence Informed Practice

The parish Nurse participates in and / or supports research activities that will strengthen and validate parish nursing practice. Within the context and preferences of the faith community, the parish Nurse will integrate evidence informed knowledge into hi/ her practice.¹

¹ <http://www.capnm.ca/standards.htm>

Foundations in Parish Nursing Ontario

Contact: <https://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Programs/Parish-Nursing/21>

Hours: 150

Practicum: Mandatory 100 hours with mentor

Cost: approximately \$3000. Cost includes a week summer residency, two on line courses and a final weekend of education including graduation.

Components and Corresponding CAPNM Standard:

3	Spiritual and Theological Basis of Parish Nursing
1	Application of Professional and Management Issues Relevant to Developing a Parish Nurse Ministry
2	Range of Interventions a Parish Nurse may Employ for Whole Person Health
2	Opportunities for Parish Nurse to Facilitate Development of Health Initiatives in Faith Community
3	Resources for Personal and Congregational Spiritual Formation
2	Normal Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Growth Through the Life Span
2	Challenges Encountered When Caring for Children, Adolescents, Middle and Older Adults, Families
2	Various Needs of Individuals and Families Experiencing Illness
2	Role of Parish Nurse in Supporting Resiliency in Individuals and Families Through Spiritual Care
2	Issues and Needs During Life Transition and the Role of the Parish Nurse
2	Activity of Counselling in Parish Nurse Ministry
3	Components of Spiritual Companionship
3	Advanced Knowledge and Skills in Pastoral Care, Spiritual Caregiving, Counselling
2	Meanings of Health, Healing, Wholeness and Health Promotion from a Judeo-Christian Perspective
2	Role of Parish Nurse as a Health Educator, Health Counsellor in Promoting and Achieving Wellness
2	Understand Mental Health, Mental Illness and Parish Nurse Role in Promoting Wellness
2	Acquire Knowledge and Skills to Effect Optimum Delivery of Care to Individuals Suffering Grief, Loss and Distress
3	Increased Understanding of Spiritual Assessment, Spiritual Development of Confidentiality
1	Aspects of Nursing Practice
4	Conflict and How it Affects Individuals, Families, Groups and Faith Communities
5	Parish Nurse Role in Social Justice for Vulnerable Populations
1	Principles of Servant Leadership
1	Plan of Action to Sustain, Measure and Nurture One's Parish Nurse Ministry
5	Importance of Leadership to Parish Nursing Theory and Application to Parish Nurse Ministry
5	Mission Statement for Overall Ministry and Self Care
2	Understand and Experience Effects of Meditation on Wholistic Health
6	Research and Evidence Informed Practice Used Throughout Program

Additional Information:

In addition to hours of provided education must write 2 reflection papers (3-5 pages) and formal academic essay, insights gained, own spiritual growth 8-10 pages.

Interchurch Health Ministry Saskatchewan

Contact: <https://www.ichm-sk.ca/parish-nursing/>

Hours: 100

Practicum: Mandatory 200 hours with mentor

Cost: unknown

Components and Corresponding CAPNM Standard:

2	Healing and Wholeness
3	Theology and Health
3	History and Philosophy of Parish Nursing
4	Therapeutic Communication
1	Documentation
3	Spiritual Assessment and Care
2	Roles of Parish Nurse
4	Role of Health Cabinet/ Committee
1	Getting Started
2	Community Assessment
4	Care Coordination
4	Accessing Resources
2	Health Promotion
5	Advocacy
4	Functioning with a Ministerial Team
4	Conflict Management
5	Ethical Issues
3	Prayer
3	Suffering, Grief and Loss
3	Theological Reflection
1	Legal Aspects
2	Family Violence
3	Theological Reflection and Self Care

Additional Information: Large online component. New program in development

Atlantic Provinces Parish Nursing Ministry

Inactive at present time but looking to initiate a program

Contact: sduncanns@gmail.com

Hours: 72 hours over 6 weekends

Practicum: 4-6 months

Cost: TBD

Components and Corresponding CAPNM Standard:

3	Spirituality- History, Philosophy and Care
5	Professionalism -Beginning Your Ministry- communication and collaboration, documentation, legal aspects, ethical issues
2	Wholistic Health (Transforming Life Issues)- family violence, health promotion, loss, suffering and grief
4,5	Community Advocacy- family violence, health promotion, loss, suffering and grief
	During Practicum
1	Mission and Vision Statements
1	Pamphlet and Business Cards
2	Health Survey
1	PN Position Description
1	Health Cabinet Terms of Reference
1	Chart Forms (Initial Contact Record, Health History, Nursing Notes, Consent)
1	Competency Basic Curriculum Summary which included Competency Statement, Date of Activity, Verification Method and Evaluation Statement.
5	Self-Evaluation
6	Research and Evidence Informed Practice Used Throughout Program

Taylor University Alberta- Kairos Project

Contact: <http://www.taylor-edu.ca/about-taylor/resources/recent-news-articles/1366-new-approach>

Hours: Until completion of Master of Christian Ministry

Practicum: Mentorship as pertaining to desired career choice

Cost: \$375/month until graduation

Components and Corresponding CAPNM Standard:

1	Orientation to Parish Nursing
3	Spiritual Maturity and Theological Reflections
4	Personal and Interpersonal Skills
2	Teaching/ Facilitation
3	Worship
4	Collaboration
1	Management as related to running a Parish Nurse Ministry

Additional Information: The Parish Nurse Program is a component of the Kairos Development Network through Taylor University. The student will enrol in the Master of Christian Ministry program and will include education related to parish nursing.

Westberg- Foundations in Faith Community Nursing

Contact: <https://westberginstitute.org/foundations-of-faith-community-nursing/>

Hours: Determined by local facilitators

Practicum: As appropriate to culture and context. In the UK, 6 months practice including professional supervision and a written submission before accreditation

Cost: Determined by local facilitators

Components and Corresponding CAPNM Standard:

2	Health, Healing and Wholeness
1	History and Philosophy
3	Spiritual care
3	Prayer
2	Health Promotion
1	Assessment and accessing resources
4	Communication and collaboration
2	Mental Health
5	Ethical issues
3	Loss Suffering and Grief
1	Legal aspects
1	Beginning your ministry
1	Documenting Practice
2	Violence
5	Advocacy, Care Coordination and Transitional care
6	Each module contains an introduction including research-based evidence relative to that module.

Additional Information: There is a cost to purchase the program and the facilitators must complete a training course in order to deliver the program.

Master of Theological Studies in Health Care and Parish Nursing

Course is currently pending, please enquire at facility for more information

Contact: <https://lutherantheological.ca/contact>

Hours: 18 three- credit courses over 5 years

Practicum: Unknown

Cost: Approximately \$20,000 but there are bursaries and scholarships available

Components and Corresponding CAPNM Standard:

1, 3	3 biblical courses- old and new testament
1, 3	2 Required Church History and Historical Theology Courses- The story of Christianity Part 1 Early Medieval, Part 2 Reformation and Modern
2,5	4 Required Systemic Theology Ethics Courses, Theology I, II, Christian Ethics and Moral Problems in Medicine
2, 3, 4	1 Required Pastoral Theology Course -Introduction to Spiritual Care
2, 3, 4, 5	4 Required Health Care Courses – Faith & Community Health Issues, Health and Healing in the Bible, Health Practice in Faith Communities, Health Promotion within Faith Communities
	2 Electives
6	Research and Evidenced Informed Practice used throughout program

Interest Courses for Parish Nurses

Courses displayed are currently available, please go directly to site for up to date information.

Dayton University

Contact: https://vlcff.udayton.edu/courses/courses.php?group_by_track=1

The Parish Nurse as Counsellor and Spiritual Companion
The Parish Nurse: Facilitating Wholistic Care Through the Lifespan

Spiritual Care Association

Contact: <https://www.spiritualcareassociation.org/nursing/nursing-webinars.html>

<https://www.spiritualcareassociation.org/course-catalog/spiritual-care-for-nurses.html>

Faith Community Nurse Coordinator
Chaplaincy Certification
Educator Faith Community Nurse
Spirituality and Aging
What Every Health Care Professional Needs to Know About Spiritual Care
Cultural Competence, Inclusion and Vulnerable Population for Health Care Professionals
Grief, Loss and Bereavement for Health Care Professionals
Counselling Skills for Health Care Professionals
Effective Communication Techniques for Health Care Professionals

