

## Guiding principles

The Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry:

- Celebrates the diversity of Parish Nursing programs across Canada.
- Promotes a concept of health that actively supports body, mind and spirit wholeness.
- Recognizes that Parish Nursing ministry is a grass roots ministry.
- Affirms and fosters local Parish Nursing initiatives, while promoting a national identity.
- Includes essential shareholders: Parish Nurses, nursing educators, faith tradition educators, diverse faith communities, and partnering organizations.

## How can CAPNM help you?

Approved core competencies and standards of practice may be obtained by visiting our website.

Interested in starting a Parish Nurse program? We encourage you to contact the CAPNM office or visit our website: [www.CAPNM.ca](http://www.CAPNM.ca)

## Who we are

### Mission

CAPNM is committed to the advancement and growth of *Parish Nursing*\* as a health and ministry resource within Canada. (\* also known as "*faith community nursing*")

### Vision

Parish Nursing is an essential and integrated dimension of the faith and health of diverse faith communities throughout Canada.

### Purposes

- Develop Parish Nursing as a faith and health ministry resource in Canada.
- Identify, monitor, and disseminate Core Competencies and Standards of Practice for Parish Nursing in Canada.
- Join individuals and groups vital to Parish Nursing by developing and offering seminars, lectures, workshops, and resources, and an annual conference.
- Provide centralized information about Parish Nursing advancement and growth opportunities in Canada and internationally.
- To foster and develop Parish Nursing ministry identity, education, practice standards and research.



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## The Parish Nurse

A parish nurse is a registered nurse with specialized knowledge, who is called to ministry and affirmed by a faith community to promote health, healing, and wholeness.

## Role of a Parish Nurse

The role of a Parish Nurse is to promote the integration of faith and health in a variety of ways that reflect the context of the faith community.

Specific role examples include:

- health advocacy
- health counselling
- health education
- resource referral

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*I belong to CAPNM because I believe that spirituality is an integral aspect of health and well-being.*

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## Board of Directors

Consists of seven members:

- Elected by the membership
- Two-year term of office
- Maximum one additional term

**Executive** - chair, vice chair, treasurer

**Working groups** - Committee members are CAPNM members from across Canada with Board liaison to:

- Education
- Research
- Standards of practice
- Membership and Visibility
- Funding
- Conference planning

***An annual conference and AGM are held each spring in locations across Canada***



## Core Competencies

What preparation should a parish nurse have?

- Current study as a registered nurse (BN, BScN preferred)
- Orientation to Parish Nursing
- Spiritual maturity and theological reflection
- Personal / Interpersonal skills
- Teaching / Facilitation
- Worship
- Faith community context
- Collaboration
- Management skills
- Practicum
- Continuing education

## Standards of practice

- Professional practice and accountability
- Wholistic nursing care and health promotion
- Facilitation of spiritual care
- Communication and Collaboration
- Advocacy and Ethics
- Research and Evidence Informed practice

**More details at [www.capnm.ca](http://www.capnm.ca)**



