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The parish nurse understands health to be a dynamic process which embodies the spiritual, psychological, physical and social dimensions of the person.

The parish nurse, in collaboration with the pastoral staff and congregational members, participates in the ongoing transformation of the faith community into a source of health and healing. Through partnership the parish nurse fosters new and creative responses to health and wellness concerns.

"I have come that you may have life, and may have it in all its fullness." John 10:10



Co-sponsored with the Avera Parish Nurse Center.





## PARISH NURSING CENTER



Historic Beaver Creek Lutheran Church Augustana Campus

Department of Nursing Augustana College Sioux Falls, SD



# **Purpose of the Parish Nursing Center**

- 1. To prepare registered nurses to meet the health needs within a congregation.
- 2. To assist interested churches in initiating parish nursing services.



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A parish is a registered nurse who facilitates the wholistic health of a congregation or faith community, thus reclaiming the health ministry of the church. The parish nurse focuses on the spiritual, emotional, and physical and social dimensions of persons as there strive to achieve wellness and wholeness. The parish nurse functions as a health educator, health counselor, referral agent, and an advocate, while promoting the understating of the relationship of faith and health.

### Parish Nursing at Augustana

To meet the needs of more nurses traveling from a distance, and those with busy family and personal as well as professional lives, the parish nurse course has transitioned to a new format. At present, approximately two thirds of the course is on-line. This is followed by two days on-site. A participant must complete both the on-line and the on-site portions to receive a certificate of completion. Specific details will be provided with registration.

#### **Parish Nurse Preparation**

This Foundations of Faith Community Nursing (Parish Nursing) course prepares the nurse to initiate and maintain a parish nurse ministry within a given congregation, and to function in the leadership role for the faith community's health ministry.

The curriculum focuses on the concepts of spirituality, professionalism, wholistic health, and community.

Specific topics include:

- ✦ History and philosophy of parish nursing
- **♦** Spiritual care
- **♦** Healing and wholeness
- **♦** Self-care
- ◆ Legal and ethical issues
- **♦** Documentation
- **♦** Communication and collaboration
- **♦** Getting started
- **♦** Health promotion
- **♦** Accessing resources
- **♦** Advocacy
- **♦** Care coordination

The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing (Parish Nursing) course is based on the curricula developed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center, 483 East Lockwood Avenue, Suite 102, St. Louis, Missouri 63119.

#### **Assistance to Churches**

The Center is available to provide information about parish nursing, consultation and assistance in initiating parish nursing and in assessing congregational needs.

#### 2012 Offering

The Foundations of Faith Community
Nursing will be offered in two parts. The
first part will be offered on-line January 30
through March 25, 2012. This part will be
offered in modules of approximately two
hours each. The later part of the course
will be held March 28 through March 29,
2012 at Avera Central Office in Sioux Falls,
SD. Both sections of the course are
required for completion. The registration
fee is \$475, payable to Augustana College.
Registration deadline is January 13, 2012.
Late registration (postmarked after
January 13) is \$500.

Application for contact hours will be made to CNE-NET, the education division of the North Dakota Nurses Association, an accredited approver of the continuing nursing education by the American Nursing Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Please contact Mary Auterman for more information about the contact hours.

For more information about the program, please contact:

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### Carol DeSchepper

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in Sioux Falls, March 28-29, 2012. I am registering for the 2012 Parish Nurse Preparation Course: Session 1, On-line January 30-March 25, 2012 and Session 2,

name of congregation/parish

Are you or have you served as

Home Phone

Registration deadline: January 13, 2012

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