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## **Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course Offering**

Concord, N.C. —Cabarrus College of Health Sciences and the CHS Faith Community Health Ministry are sponsoring a 34 hour course entitled *Foundations of Faith Community Nursing* . The workshop will be held from 8:15 am until 5:30 pm the week of November 12-16, 2012 at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences.

This course is designed for registered nurses interested in or currently working as a Faith Community Nurse in a paid or non-compensated model. The course is based on the standard curriculum endorsed by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center (IPNRC). Contact hours are approved by the ANCC. The course provides participants with knowledge needed to become an health advocate while providing intentional care of the spirit to members of a faith community. The curriculum is developed from a Judeo-Christian theological framework of care and applicable to and respectful of other faith traditions incorporating community, culture and diversity. The curriculum develops the nurse for a leadership role in collaborative health ministry and provides content to develop faith community nursing practice and individual spiritual growth. Faith Community Nursing is non-denominational and open to persons of all religions and faiths.

The mission of Faith Community Nursing/Parish Nursing defined by the IPNRC “is the intentional integration of the practice of faith with the practice of nursing so that people can achieve wholeness in, with, and through the community of faith in which parish nurses serve.” It is the core “belief that health is a journey toward well being and is the interrelationship of body, mind, and spirit.” The mission further supports that “Health is not merely the absence of disease. It is related to everything a person does, thinks, and feels; therefore parish nurses focus on the whole person as they promote wellness, disease prevention, health education, and healthy spirituality.”

The cost is \$550 and includes educational materials, two Foundational Faith Community Nursing books, certificate of completion, a Faith Community Nurse stained glass pin with lavalier from the IPNRC and daily lunch. Course content includes the history and philosophy of spirituality; healing and wholeness; ethical and legal issues; documentation, communication and collaboration; health promotion; transforming life issues; beginning your ministry; and community—assessment, resources, advocacy and care coordination. The class is limited to 20 participants on a first come, first served basis—space is limited. The registration and payment deadline is Friday, November 2, 2012.

Facilitators of the course include Veronique Singerman, MSN, MAT, RN, Faculty with Cabarrus College of Health Sciences and Pam Hurley, RN, BSN, Director of Faith Community Health ministry at Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast.

To register contact the office of Campus and Community Outreach at 704-403-1614 or [angela.ferguson@carolinashealthcare.org](mailto:angela.ferguson@carolinashealthcare.org). Visit our website at [www.carolinasmedicalcenter.org/faith](http://www.carolinasmedicalcenter.org/faith).

### **About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences**

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, an affiliate of Carolinas HealthCare System, is located on the campus of Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast in Concord, N.C. Five hundred and fourteen students are enrolled in six associate degree and three baccalaureate completion programs. Associate degree programs include medical assistant, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, pharmacy technology, surgical technology and associate in science. Baccalaureate completion programs include health services leadership and management, medical imaging and nursing. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For additional information, visit [www.cabarruscollege.edu](http://www.cabarruscollege.edu).

### **About Carolinas HealthCare System**

**Carolinas HealthCare System** ([www.carolinashealthcare.org](http://www.carolinashealthcare.org)), one of the nation's leading and most innovative healthcare organizations, provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Its diverse network of more than 650 care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, healthcare pavilions, physician practices, destination centers, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and hospice and palliative care. CHS works to improve and enhance the overall health and wellbeing of its communities through high quality patient care, education and research programs, and numerous collaborative partnerships and initiatives.

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