

Why become a Faith Community Nurse?



Your faith joins your nursing practice to make a real difference in people's lives right where you live

Faith Community Nursing allows you to 'Think globally and Act locally' by considering the health of our planet and its people, and take local action with your faith community.

As a Faith Community Nurse (FCN) you respond to Christ's love by using your personal gifts joined with your nursing knowledge and skills to serve your faith community and the community it serves, to make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of all. You'll be part of the Christian church's response to Jesus' message: "*... whatever you do for one of the least of these children of mine, you do for me.*" [Matthew 25:40]

As an FCN you care for body, mind and spirit to restore and nurture whole health, in and through Jesus Christ. Your FCN ministry allows you to put your faith into action to promote health, healing, hope, peace, justice and faith, because "*...faith by itself, if not accompanied by action is dead!*" [James 2:17]

What would I do as an FCN?

As an FCN you provide your faith community with direct access to confidential, personal and professional health counselling and education tailored to personal needs. You'll be a resource person to support people with referral, advocacy and care management. Best of all, you'll provide spiritual care, giving people time to listen, pray, encourage and provide faith support.

The **HEALTH** focus of your FCN role includes:

- Health promotion
- Education and health counselling
- Advocacy and referral
- Listening and visiting
- Training and coordination
- Hope and spiritual care

To learn more about Faith Community Nursing [click here](#)

How do I become an FCN?

To practise as an FCN you must hold current and condition free registration as a nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) www.ahpra.gov.au. Ideally, you will have more than 3 years clinical experience and a genuine faith in and love for Jesus, which will sustain you and others you work with. You also need additional training to prepare for this specialist role and its independent nursing practice. AFCNA will prepare you using the internationally accredited **Foundations of Faith Community Nursing** course.

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What next steps should I take to start?

[Become a member](#) of Australian Faith Community Nurses Association (AFCNA) and do the **FREE** [‘Introducing Faith Community Nursing’](#) workshop or online course.

To further pursue the FCN role, enrol in the international core curriculum [‘Foundations of Faith Community Nursing’](#) course offered by AFCNA.

[Contact us](#) if you would like help to present the concept of health and pastoral care ministry and the specific role of Faith Community Nursing to your local church, talk to AFCNA.

What is AFCNA?

Australian Faith Community Nurses Association (AFCNA) is the peak professional nursing association for Faith Community Nurses in Australia. AFCNA provides information, education and resources to help you and your faith community get started with FCN practice.

We provide you (as an FCN) with continuing professional development and support focused to your FCN role.

Email afcna@outlook.com and provide your phone number and contact details to receive a **FREE Introductory Pack** of information and a follow up email and/or phone call.

What does AFCNA provide its members?

- Resources in ‘members section’ of AFCNA’s website to support practice
- Professional development and continuing education with free and discounted access to online courses via the AFCNA education hub
- Personal mentoring from an experienced FCN
- Discounts for face to face workshops, seminars, conferences, etc.
- Supportive Christian professional nursing peer network
- Regular AFCNA updates and bonus resources
- *Whole Health* news 3 times per year
- Regular E-news updates



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If you would like to join your Christian faith with your Nursing practice to make a real difference in your community, join AFCNA

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For more information email afcna@outlook.com and provide your name, church, contact details and phone numbers, and we will be in touch.