

# Australian Faith Community Nurses Association



## - Facilitating Faith Community Nursing in Australia

Faith Community Nursing – brings ‘faith’ to ‘community nursing’ and ‘nursing’ to the ‘faith community’! It offers a health dimension to pastoral care that increases its scope, depth and reach, and its capacity to address contemporary health and social issues. It mobilises the strengths of local churches in fresh ways that support people. You can learn more [here](#).

A Faith Community Nurse (FCN) promotes and sustains whole health and wellbeing with the faith community, engaging with and reaching out to their local community. FCNs provide whole person care, prioritising spiritual care. They supplement and complement health and community care, supporting people to navigate formal and informal care options to find the most appropriate support.

### **AFCNA:**

- is a professional nursing organisation
- prepares and supports Faith Community Nurses
- promotes the benefits of Faith Community Nursing
- assists churches to promote whole health and provide compassionate care

### **AFCNA provides faith community nurses with:**

- internationally recognised *Foundations of Faith Community Nursing* course
- continuing professional education
- information, resources and documentation templates to perform their role
- support via mentoring and a community of practice
- liaison with comparable national/international professional entities

### **AFCNA provides faith communities with:**

- education, information and resources to enable them to commence, nurture and sustain an FCN ministry

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# Your Faith Community Nurse

- is your partner in whole health

**Faith Community Nurses can provide:**

## Health promotion



- ♥ promote your whole health – (body, mind, spirit)
- ♥ promote your family and your community's health
- ♥ empower your capacity for self-care

## Education and health counselling



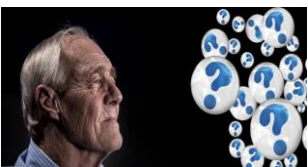
- ♥ help you understand your health issues
- ♥ support you, your family, and your community with health education in person, in groups, via print and in seminars
- ♥ provide you with brief health counselling

## Advocacy and referral



- ♥ help you navigate health, aged and community care systems
- ♥ help you locate resources, obtain referrals, source support
- ♥ advocate for you in ways that uphold your values and beliefs

## Listening and visiting



- ♥ listen and discuss your health, social and spiritual concerns
- ♥ visit you in residential care, hospital and at home
- ♥ support you to connect with family, church and community

## Training and coordination



- ♥ train and support health and pastoral care volunteers to ensure quality support in all activities
- ♥ may support you with care management and coordination

## Hope and spiritual care



- ♥ support you to sustain your spiritual growth and healing
- ♥ pray with you and provide spiritual support
- ♥ provide you with pastoral care

All FCN functions are undertaken to promote **HEALTH, HEALING** and **WELLBEING** of the **WHOLE PERSON** - body, mind and spirit. The FCN role is always undertaken under the governance of an employing faith community which supports the ministry with resources and prayer.