

Job Title: Faith Community Nurse, Part-time

Reports to: Meredith Onion, Associate Minister

Job Summary

The Faith Community Nurse (FCN) is a holistic healing facilitator/coordinator working with individuals, families and groups throughout all stages of life to promote health of body, mind and spirit. The FCN functions as an active team member of the pastoral team and congregational staff. The work schedule will consist of 20 to 30 hours/week with the ability to work 2 Sundays/month and, in addition, varying days and hours determined by the needs of First Congregational Church.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Integrator of Faith and Health

In all activities and interactions, the faith community nurse seeks to promote the understanding of the relationship between faith and health and to help congregants be good stewards of their personal health.

Personal Health Counselor

Responds to health concerns of members brought to the FCN's attention by congregants, families, or church staff. Consults on health issues and concerns with individuals; makes home, hospital, and nursing home visits as needed.

Health Advocate

The FCN collaborates with the congregant, faith community, and primary health resources to serve the best interest of the congregant from a whole person perspective and to strengthen the congregant's voice especially when they seem to have none.

Health Educator

Promotes an understanding of the relationship between lifestyle, attitudes, faith, and well-being through such activities as individual consultations, courses, seminars, health fairs, etc.

Referral Agent

Is familiar with community resources and medical services and serves as liaison between those services & congregants.

Coordinator of Volunteers

Recruits, trains and coordinates volunteers to provide support to congregants in identified areas of need.

Developer of Support Groups

Facilitates the development and conduct of support groups or connection of congregants to established support groups.

Education/Experience

- Licensed Registered Professional Nurse in the State of Illinois; Bachelor's in nursing required, Master's preferred
- Successful completion of the Faith Community Nurse basic curriculum course, preferred
- At least 3 years recent clinical nursing experience required, preferably in Medical/Surgical, Community Health and/or Geriatrics
- Spiritual leadership evidenced by experience in congregational ministries, lay leadership, theological education and/or personal spiritual formation activities.
- Competent in Microsoft Suite of products
- Valid Drivers license and proof of insurance
- Employee performs their job in a safe manner abiding by the ANA Professional Scope and Standards of Faith Community Nursing Practice and abides by HIPPA laws

Special Job Characteristics

Applicant is to be comfortable offering spiritual support to congregants when needed and reaching out to pastoral staff for more complex spiritual needs.

Please submit cover letter, resume and compensation details to faithcommunitynurse@wscongo.org.