Fast Facts
2014 Edition of Foundations for Faith Community Nursing

Outstanding Feature
Contributing authors are experienced faith community nurse educators and practicing faith community nurses from across the US and the UK; several hold theology or ministry degrees.

New Features of This Edition
- Contemporary look with full-color design
- Updated references and online resources
- Guidelines for teaching the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course internationally
- Learning Outcomes based on competencies for the faith community nurse designated in professional standards
- PowerPoint presentations designed to increase efficiency and effectiveness of faculty and ensure inclusion and standardization of essential content
- Content Outline includes organizational elements to support use as presentation notes
  - Key Terms appear in abbreviated form in the margins as quick reminders of essential ideas.
  - Sidebars emphasize information for quick reference or background.
  - Critical Thinking questions encourage participants to process information related to a particular section or learning outcome.
  - Helpful Resource notes highlight appendices or outside links that participants will find helpful.

At the close of the Content Outline, relevant standards from Faith Community Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice (ANA/HMA, 2012, 2nd ed.) provide clear connections between the material presented and the competencies FCNS should demonstrate.

New Modules
The Spiritual Care module was added because intentional care of the spirit sets the specialty practice of faith community nursing apart from other types of nursing. Continuing personal spiritual formation is an ongoing, essential component of practice and includes both self-care and the provision of spiritual care to others. Spiritual care is such an important aspect of faith community nursing that the need for a separate module was identified. This module explores spirituality, along with means of spiritual assessment and provision of spiritual care for individuals, families, and communities. Because spiritual care flows from the provider, the module also emphasizes the need for FCNs to understand their own spirits and the importance of tending to one’s own spiritual journey.

The Behavioral Health module was added because of the escalation of behavioral health issues in contemporary society. FCNs are currently confronted with a multitude of behavioral health situations and challenges within their faith communities. This module addresses the role of the FCN in providing behavioral health care in the faith community. It endeavors to increase the FCN’s level of comfort in both educating the faith community about its role and in leading the health team in assessing the needs of people with mental illness and building a caring behavioral health environment in the faith community.

Length and Module Format
Modules are designed to be between two and two-and-a-half hours. Some modules have a varied time allotment to allow faculty to customize the curriculum to meet their needs. Modules may be presented in a single group meeting, a retreat format, or online. The 2009 curriculum had a minimum of 34 total hours, whereas the 2014 edition is designed with 38 minimum total hours that can be expanded to 44 if faculty allocate increased hours to the following specified modules: Health, Healing, and Wholeness, Beginning Your Ministry, and Health Promotion. There is no requirement for faculty to offer a course with 38 hours since criteria for credentialing specifies 34 hours as the minimum course length. “A national Health Ministries Association (HMA) task force initiated work with the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to begin defining criteria and process for formal recognition of faith community nursing. One of the outcomes was to establish 34 contact hours of continuing education content specific to faith community nursing as the minimum course length for the preparation of this nursing specialty” (ANA/HMA, 2012, p.11).
## Suggested Order for Teaching and Hours

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### Ordering Information

- The 2014 edition of the curriculum must be used by educational partners no later than **September 1, 2015**.
- Educational Partners may order the new curriculum now. **Cost: $500**
- Request a curriculum agreement from Church Health Center by contacting DeeDee Brinkman at brinkmand@churchhealthcenter.org or (901) 701-2310.
- Allow **3–4 weeks** after order is received to receive material.
- 2 new modules, Behavioral Health and Spiritual Care, will release no later than **October 1, 2014**.
- Jump drive with curriculum will be ready to be shipped no later than **November 15, 2014**.
- Hard copy of faculty manual that includes 1 sample participant module in a 3-ring notebook with tabs plus 1 bound participant manual will ship no later than **December 15**.
- Bound participant manuals available **December 15**.