



Wholeness...Wellness

Wisconsin Parish Nurse Coalition

A Special Interest Group of

Position Statement: Role of the Parish Nurse

A Parish Nurse is a Registered Professional Nurse who serves as a member of the ministry staff of a faith community to promote health. The Parish Nurse possesses a valid state of Wisconsin license and performs in accordance with both the Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act and the American Nurse Association Standards and Scope of Parish Nursing. The Parish Nurse will complete a basic preparation course that integrates the curriculum of the International Parish Nurse Resource Center and is not less than 35 contact hours. The Parish Nurse will maintain current knowledge of nursing practice and possess an understanding of both legal and ethical issues as it is related to professional practice.

The Parish Nurse delivers holistic, health promoting and preventive care that is based on the concept of wholeness of mind, body and spirit. The roles of the Parish Nurse include: integrator of faith and health, health educator, health counselor, advocate, resource coordinator, referral agent and volunteer coordinator.

The Parish Nurse practices within the framework of a church, congregation, parish or faith-based community center.

The Parish Nurse will maintain confidentiality in accordance with both Wisconsin state statutes and federal statutes including HIPAA. The Parish Nurse will maintain confidential client records that are kept in a secured location.

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