

## CONTACT HOURS

Registered nurses who complete the CNEP curriculum receive 36.5 nursing continuing professional development (cnpd) hours. Baptist Community Ministries – Congregational Wellness is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Louisiana State Nurses Association - Approver, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. LSNA Provider No. 4002606

Congregational Health Promoters completing the CHPP training receive a Certificate of Completion which may be submitted to a licensing body for continuing education hours.

## AFFILIATIONS

“Foundations of Faith Community Nursing,” is the internationally recognized evidenced based curriculum for RN preparation in the sub-specialty of Faith Community Nursing (FCN). The content of the curriculum is written at the baccalaureate level. Maintenance and scheduled revisions /updates to the curriculum are the responsibility of The Westberg Institute. The Westberg Institute is a division of nursing for the Spiritual Care Association, 505 Eight Avenue, New York, NY 10018.

Congregational Health Promoter Program is based upon these published curricula: Community Health Advisor Network by Duke University, the Center for Sustainable Health Outreach and University of Southern Mississippi; Congregational Health Promoter Ministry Guide by Church Health Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

## STAFF

Our staff is comprised of multi-faith professionals combining over 80 years of expertise in faith community nursing and congregational health promotion.

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*Church Nurse  
Education Program*  
*A basic preparation course  
for registered nurses*



*Congregational Health  
Promoter Program*  
*A basic preparation course  
for all except RN's*

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Learn to start and grow a church wellness ministry. Classes are open to all denominations. No experience needed. We embrace diversity and empower members for active roles in the church.

## CHURCH NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM (CNEP)

CNEP is a hybrid /blended learning experience that prepares registered nurses to implement wellness ministries in their faith communities. The hybrid /blended delivery format includes both in class and on-line learning activities. The registered nurse facilitates integration of faith and health in the congregation through the application of an evidenced-based, professional volunteer model of health ministry. This emphasizes a wholistic, health promotion - disease prevention model incorporating the congregation's values, beliefs, faith practices and missions.

### OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, the registered nurse should be able to:

- ❖ Assess the concepts of health, healing and wholeness in relation to the practice of church nursing.
- ❖ Construct a peer system of support that identifies health promotion resources in the church and the community.
- ❖ Assemble networks for continuing development of spirituality in health practices.
- ❖ Arrange health promotion activities for congregants across age span and socioeconomic groups.

## CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH PROMOTER PROGRAM (CHPP)

CHPP prepares lay volunteers to implement church wellness ministries. Designed to improve and strengthen healthcare access, we educate any church members with a desire to serve. No prerequisites needed. CHP are volunteers who use their church, neighborhood and networks to provide referral services to congregants. When church or community health issues are encountered, they connect with local agencies to address wholistic health concerns.

### OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program the ministry leader should be able to:

- ❖ Identify resources in the church and community
- ❖ Provide access to wellness and prevention activities.
- ❖ Provide referrals to community services.
- ❖ Build faith community teams.
- ❖ Promote healthy lifestyles.

### COURSE CONTENT

- ◆ Health Promotion
- ◆ Assessment
- ◆ Accessing Community Resources
- ◆ Chronic Disease
- ◆ Nutrition & Exercise
- ◆ Spiritual Care & Prayer
- ◆ Spiritual Self-Care

## SCHEDULES

CNEP and CHPP classes will be hybrid-in 2026. Some classes may be on zoom. Graduation will be in person.

*Individual Tutorial for On-line Learning System*

- Orientation: (Mandatory)
  - CNEP – Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
6 pm – 8:30 pm (virtual)
  - CHPP - March 26, 2026  
6 pm – 8:30 pm (in person)
- CNEP is 4 Saturdays with bi-weekly pre-class on-line course assignments.
  - \*February 28, March 7, 21, 2026 and
  - \*April 11, 2026 (\*in-person) [March classes are virtual]
  - Time 8:30am – 4:30pm (in-person)
- CHPP is 2 Saturdays in person with bi-weekly on-line assignments.
  - March 28 and April 18, 2026  
9:00am – 5:00pm
- Commissioning service - in person:
  - Monday, April 20, 2026, 7 – 8pm
  - Arrive at 6:00 pm for photos
- Detailed schedule forwarded upon receipt of registration.

### F E E S

**Waived for Spring 2026 classes  
for churches in Orleans, Jefferson, St.  
Tammany, St. Bernard and Plaquemines**  
CNEP (out of area) \$200.00  
CHPP (out of area) \$100.00

*Classes may be cancelled or rescheduled due to low enrollment.*

### REQUIREMENTS

To enroll, students must have Wi-Fi and access to ZOOM on a laptop / tablet with a camera, chat, polling and evaluation features.