



**Lutheran Nurses Association of Australia**



# **Introduction to Pastoral Care Nursing**

**by**

## **Distance Education**



## PASTORAL CARE NURSING

A Pastoral Care Nurse is a qualified nurse who has completed (or agreed to undertake) some theological study, and who serves in a holistic ministry in a congregation, or a church aged-care facility, school, or welfare agency. A nurse who has not maintained registration, or a person with a background in some other field of health care, may serve as a Pastoral Health Care Worker.

This ministry grows out of Christ's own caring ministry. It was initiated by a German Lutheran pastor — Theodor Fliedner — who established a training centre in Kaiserwerth, where nurses were also given some theological education. It was given new impetus in the United States by Lutheran hospital chaplain, Dr Granger Westberg.

## ABOUT THE COURSE

This course provides an introduction to the role of a Pastoral Care Nurse, and information and resources helpful for this ministry. It is useful for nurses who are interested in the possibility of serving in a Pastoral Care Nurse role in a church, a Christian school, a church-based care agency or aged-care facility. Other pastoral care or health-care workers may also find it helpful.

The course is a guided reading program that invites reflection and response either by post or email. The course coordinator is available for consultation by telephone, email or skype. The course should be completed within six months, but this may be extended to up to 12 months in special cases.

A Certificate of Completion is awarded to those who complete the course, to be presented at a church service in the candidate's home congregation.

## COURSE CONTENT

The course includes the following modules.

### **1 Biblical perspectives of health and healing**

Study what the Bible says about health and healing.

### **2 Westberg's vision**

Read and review *The Parish Nurse*, by Dr Granger Westberg.

### **3 Health and healing in the church**

Trace the history and scope of health care from biblical times to today's Pastoral Care Nurse ministry.

### **4 Lutheran distinctives in pastoral care**

Discover how distinctive Lutheran teachings and practice inform and guide pastoral care.

### **5 The role of a Pastoral Care Nurse**

Examine the various aspects of the role of a Pastoral Care Nurse.

### **6 The importance of vocation**

Reflect on God's 'call' to people to a ministry in the church.

### **7 Models of Pastoral Care Nursing**

Learn about various settings in which a Pastoral Care Nurse ministry can occur.

### **8 Accountability and liability**

Consider legal and professional requirements, and questions of accountability.

### **9 Resources**

Review the wide range of resources available in church and community.

### **10 Health, healing and worship**

Consider how healing and health fit into the worship of God's people.

### **11 Care and Prayer**

Learn about the part prayer plays in pastoral care.

### **12 Partnering with the pastor**

Explore biblical, personal and relational principles of serving in a team ministry.

### **13 Getting started**

Discover valuable pointers to help establish a Pastoral Care Nurse ministry.

#### **14 Maintaining momentum**

Explore ways of helping to sustain a Pastoral Care Nurse ministry once it has been established.

#### **15 Parish Nursing: a world view**

A global view of the Parish Nurse ministry.

Introduces the worldwide network of Lutheran Parish Nurses International.

#### **16 What people have said about Pastoral Care Nursing**

Learn what a number of key people have said about the Parish Nurse ministry.

### **COST**

A donation of \$50 is required to cover administrative and mentoring costs, comprehensive course notes, and a copy of Dr Granger Westberg's book *The Parish Nurse*, which is required reading.

A bank draft for this amount, made out to **LCA Parish Nurse Education Fund**, should accompany all registrations, or the amount forwarded by electronic transfer (details on request).

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## **Introduction to Pastoral Care Nursing**

### ***Distance Education* REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Status (Please tick)**

Registered Nurse        Enrolled Nurse   

Chaplain        Pastoral carer/elder/lay assistant   

Other (Specify role) .....

I enclose my \$50 registration donation

or

I have arranged electronic transfer of \$50, as instructed

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_