

Making Spiritual Care a Priority

Education, Clinical & Research Programs
of Spiritual Care Association &
HealthCare Chaplaincy Network



**HealthCare
Chaplaincy
Network™**



Founded in 1961, HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN) is a nonprofit organization with national and global reach, dedicated to fully integrating the intentional care of the human spirit in all health care settings.

HCCN is raising the bar for excellence in spiritual care and helping others deliver effective care through multiple channels.

WE ARE...

- Developing and disseminating evidence-based spiritual care education programs and materials for chaplains and all health care disciplines;
- Conducting and facilitating research to advance the knowledge base to guide our field;
- Providing person-to-person care through our hospital chaplaincy programs and chaplain call center;
- Advocating for the inclusion of spiritual care in the health care arena at the local, national, and international level.

These efforts represent a coordinated mission to explore every avenue to improve spiritual care and ensure its availability for all who seek comfort and meaning amid life’s profound challenges.

What is spiritual care?

Providing spiritual care means attending to patients' and families' heartfelt values and deepest concerns in the context of their health care, as they face difficult medical decisions and other challenges of serious illness.

Alleviating isolation and ensuring that the care patients receive is what they need and want: these are not ancillary activities to be considered if time allows. They are at the heart of patient-centered care – the stated goal of health care providers and institutions across the country.

In helping patients address the spiritual, existential, and emotional challenges arising during illness and at the end of life, we also open the door to the opportunities for growth and wholeness in these universal situations.

A growing body of research shows that

- The role spirituality plays for most people with chronic or fatal illness is vital in increasing overall fulfillment, finding satisfaction with their care, and facing the adversities caused by these conditions in both body and mind.
(Flannelly, et. al., Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2009)
- Professional chaplains facilitate discussions for that can increase hospice enrollment and provide a better quality of life through the end-of-life experience. Studies show that advanced cancer patients are more likely to die in hospice when their spiritual needs are met, rather than receiving aggressive and expensive care in ICUs.
(Balboni, et. al., The Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2009)
- Visits from chaplains to patients at all levels of illness have been shown to increase patient satisfaction, (VandeCreek, The Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling, 2004) raise hospital survey scores, (Marin, et. al., Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy, 2015) and are associated with value-added outcomes.
(Flannelly, et. al., Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2009)

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The Spiritual Care Association (SCA), HealthCare Chaplaincy Network’s nonprofit affiliate, is committed to building a well-trained and credentialed international workforce of multidisciplinary professionals to fully integrate spiritual care across the health care continuum.

SCA is the first professional membership association for all spiritual care providers that establishes and integrates evidence-based quality indicators, scope of practice, and a knowledge base for spiritual care.

HCCN and SCA seek to bring together the health care field to (1) strengthen and share the evidence of the benefits of spiritual care when it comes to patient satisfaction, reducing suffering, and containing costs, and (2) apply this evidence in all health care decision making – among health care providers, administrators, and policy makers.

The Spiritual Care Association

- Engages and unites multiple interest groups so more people in need receive effective spiritual care
- Opens access to the latest evidence-based knowledge base through the SCA Online Learning Center
- Offers new paths for chaplaincy credentialing, board certification, and clinical pastoral education
- Provides valuable resources that contribute to career development
- Creates a powerful and unified voice for spiritual care

Benefits of Membership

- Discounted Price for Online Professional Education Courses
- Discount Registration for Annual Caring for the Human Spirit Conference
- Three Free Spiritual Care Grand Rounds Webinars Annually
- The Chaplain Connection – An Online Resource Center & Community
- Electronic Subscription to Journal of HealthCare Chaplaincy
- Subscription to Caring for the Human Spirit® Magazine
- Monthly Spiritual Care Updates
- Networking Opportunities
- Online Membership Dashboard
- Membership Directory

SCA offers Professional Memberships for

- Health Care Chaplains
- First Responder Chaplains
- Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains
- Nurses
- Social Workers
- Health Care Professionals
- E.M.S. Chaplains
- Military Chaplains
- Corrections Chaplains
- Corporate Chaplains
- Community Clergy and Religious Leaders and
- Associations and Institutions in these fields



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Quality Online Spiritual Care Training for Individuals Called to Serve

The University of Theology and Spirituality specializes in degree paths that emphasize professional growth and spiritual enrichment.

UTS offers Associate, Bachelor, Master and Doctoral degrees in:

- Spiritual Care
- Chaplaincy
- Spiritual Direction
- Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy
- Religious Education
- Multi-faith Studies
- Psychospiritual Counseling
- Divinity and Ministry
- Progressive Christianity

Transfer and Life Credits

UTS accepts life and work experience and previous education as credits toward our degrees.



The University of Theology and Spirituality

- Helps ministry professionals and volunteers achieve their goals of advancing their spiritual training and earning their degrees.
- The multi-faith ministry and chaplaincy programs are designed to prepare students to serve as guides and assist others in their own spiritual growth.
- UTS is focused on helping individuals reach their greatest potential as spiritual leaders – enabling professionals to advance their spiritual training and earn recognition for their expertise.
- The unique focus on degrees in **spiritual care** – in a multidisciplinary environment – allows professional care providers to expand their education to include working with a person’s spiritual needs as well as their physiological, social and psychological needs.

“I’m greatly enjoying this program. I think my own experience as an online instructor allows me to see what’s going on in a different light. The courses are extremely well designed and very enjoyable... I’m learning a lot I didn’t know before.”

— Rev. Paul Ellis Jackson, Doctor of Theology Student

**To learn more, visit www.UofTS.org or contact UTS by Phone:
(253) 314-6933, Fax: (253) 212-3343 or info@UofTS.org.**

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Caring *for the* Human Spirit[®] Conference

HCCN's and SCA's annual Caring for the Human Spirit Conference focuses on the latest research and knowledge in the spiritual care field. The event draws professionals from across the country and around the world, including chaplains, nurses, social workers, physicians, clergy, administrators, and policymakers – all dedicated to defining and sharing best spiritual care practices in health care.

- Held in a different U.S. city each year, the conference features major addresses from international thought leaders and experts from the fields of spiritual care, palliative care, oncology, and related disciplines.
- Each conference offers 30+ workshops on a broad range of topics for advanced practitioners, researchers, and other professionals.
- Nurses and social workers can pursue specified paths of workshops to earn certificates as Spiritual Care Generalists, and chaplains, nurses, social workers, and physicians earn Continuing Education Units at the event.
- Those who can't attend in person can participate via webcast, which can be made available to all professional staff at health care institutions, to support the integration of spiritual care throughout all departments.
- The conference creates and extends working partnerships across disciplines and nations, and determines avenues of advocacy for the integration of spiritual care into the rapidly changing health care field. It is the go-to conference for professional development, networking and collaboration to improve and extend the delivery of spiritual care in health care.



Testimonials for the Caring for the Human Spirit Conference

"The conference is a landmark in the progress of health care. The majority of Americans think their spiritual care is as important as their medical care when they are ill. That means we should be as careful and thorough in spiritual care as we are in medical care. This conference sets the field in the right direction."

— Charles F. von Gunten, MD, PhD, Vice President of Medical Affairs, Hospice and Palliative Care, Ohio Health System

"The excellent plenary talks and workshops I attended and several in-depth conversations each addressed something specific we are working on at our hospital, from the big picture perspective of the importance of both research and story in communicating the significance of spiritual care to our healthcare colleagues, to specific new screening tools we may be able to use to screen for spiritual needs. I am very excited about the future of chaplaincy and my place in it after this conference."

— Denise LaChance, Director of Mission Integration & Spiritual Care for a California Medical Center

"As a nurse practitioner who cares for cancer patients, my nurse research partner and I found attending the Caring for the Human Spirit conference provided a forum for like-minded healthcare individuals to form a community of inquiry, where learning and supporting one another encourage all of us to continually strive to improve the care for one of the most unique characteristics of all humans...the spirit."

— Beth Delaney, a Nurse Practitioner and Assistant Professor of Nursing in Ohio

"The conference was simply fantastic and hopefully a seminal meeting that will take us forward collectively to even greater heights."

— Tony Powell, BA, MA, MSc, Researcher in Global Health, Nairobi, Kenya

>> <https://healthcarechaplaincy.org/conference.html>



LEARNING CENTER

The online SCA Learning Center provides a wealth of education opportunities for chaplains, nurses, social workers, clergy, and other professionals seeking to grow their skills and knowledge in the provision of spiritual care.

The curriculum and courses of the SCA Learning Center are based on standardized, evidence-based scope of practice and quality indicators developed by interdisciplinary, international panels of experts from the fields of chaplaincy, medicine, nursing, psychotherapy, palliative care, social work, research and policy.

The SCA Learning Center offers

Self-Guided Courses

More than 20 self-guided, interdisciplinary courses on various aspects of spiritual care. These courses, available for chaplains, nurses, social workers and other professionals, can be taken at each student's own pace over the course of six months.

Palliative Care Certificate Courses

Instructor-led courses to help professionals of multiple disciplines deliver high-quality spiritual care to palliative care patients. Fundamentals and Advanced courses are available.

Chaplaincy Management Training

An in-depth, 4-month learning track for current and aspiring directors of chaplaincy/spiritual care departments.



Prep Course for Board Certification and Credentialing

This course helps to prepare candidates to take the Standardized Clinical Knowledge Test, which is part of the chaplaincy certification process of the Spiritual Care Association.

Spiritual Care Grand Rounds

Spiritual Care Grand Rounds is a series of regularly scheduled 90-minute webinars led by experts of various disciplines, with learning objectives that can be applied immediately to one's professional practice.

Chaplaincy Care Volunteer Training

Resources include a Volunteer Training Manual, a video on developing and maintaining an effective volunteer program, and a self-guided volunteer training course.

More information on SCA Learning Center courses:

- The Learning Center utilizes a state-of-the-art learning management system.
- Each course has been written by one or more subject matter experts.
- Courses are self-directed unless noted as instructor-facilitated.
- Course participants receive access to purchased course(s) within two business days.
- Participants receive printed material/study guides in the mail for each course, shipped within two business days of course purchase.
- There is one test at the end of each course. After completing the test, participants receive a Pass/Fail notification and are allowed a total of three attempts to pass the test.

>> <https://spiritualcareassociation.org/education.html>



SCA's Health Care Chaplain Division focuses on the spiritual dimension of health care chaplaincy in a variety of clinical settings. SCA, in partnership with HCCN, seeks to advance health care chaplaincy and spiritual care as an integral aspect of whole person care for all.

Education and Training Programs

Chaplain Certification

Using a groundbreaking evidence-based model, SCA offers three types of certification:

Credentialed Chaplain (CC)

A Credentialed Chaplain has demonstrated the competencies to perform normal chaplaincy tasks in non-complex settings and under the supervision of a Board Certified Chaplain.

Board Certified Chaplain (BCC)

A Board Certified Chaplain has demonstrated competence to perform all the normal tasks within the scope of practice of professional chaplains.

Advanced Practice Board Certified Chaplain (APBCC)

The APBCC designation is for chaplains who have demonstrated advanced spiritual care skills by successfully completing a standardized knowledge test and simulated patient exam that evaluates competency in direct patient care. Advanced Practice Board Certified Chaplains have been trained and tested in areas such as department management, HIPAA regulations, the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of spiritual distress, cultural competency, advance care directives, patient clinical care, staff support, grief and bereavement, and other topics.



Specialty Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care (APBCC-HPC)

The new National Consensus Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care encourage all chaplains working in palliative care to be both specially-trained and certified. The APBCC-HPC specialty certification recognizes the unique skills, advanced education and the specialized expertise of hospice and palliative care chaplains. An APBCC-HPC chaplain has demonstrated the advanced skills in the provision of spiritual and chaplaincy care required of an advanced practice chaplain (APBCC), and has successfully completed a standardized test of core knowledge in hospice and palliative care.

Chaplaincy Management Training

SCA's Chaplaincy Management Training Program is designed to provide directors and aspiring directors of spiritual care departments the tools and training needed to successfully lead and support their staff and provide quality spiritual care throughout their health care institutions. This 4-month program, guided by experts in the field, provides opportunities for interactions with program facilitators and fellow participants, creating a network of peers and friends. Successful candidates will receive the Chaplaincy Management Certificate.

Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy

Publishes peer-reviewed, scholarly articles based on original research, quality assurance/improvement studies, program descriptions and evaluations, and literature reviews on topics pertinent to pastoral/spiritual care, clinical pastoral education, chaplaincy, and spirituality in relation to physical and mental health. Members of the Health Care Chaplain Division and other SCA Members receive this publication with their membership.

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Nursing Division of the

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Established to advance the spiritual care component of nursing practice as an integral aspect of high-quality whole-person care.

All nurses are required to provide some form of **spiritual care in their practice**.

The Joint Commission, ANA Scope & Standards of Nursing Practice, American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials, Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice, and other authorities all agree that nurses must be educated to provide appropriate spiritual care, including spiritual assessment of patients.

SCA's Nursing Division was created to **help nurses meet these standards**.

Our mission is to **support best-practice nursing spiritual care and self-care** through education, mentoring, and resources for nurse professionals and nursing-related organizations.



Our vision is that

- All nurses will have access to high quality, practical information on spiritual care.
- Nurses specializing in spiritual care will be recognized for their expertise.
- Nursing-related organizations will work with SCA to improve health outcomes and support the health of professional care providers.

Under the auspices of the **SCA Nursing Division**, we are partnering with the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing, which supports the specialty practice of nurses who provide home- and community-based care for vulnerable members of their faith communities.

SCA now offers faith community nurses the following certificate and certification programs:

Spiritual Care Generalist Certificate

The principal requirement is the completion of three online self-guided courses. This certificate is renewable every two years.

Credentialed Chaplain

This provides the opportunity for faith community nurses to add this designation to their spiritual care practice.

Board Certified Chaplain

SCA provides all the training and course work required to earn a BCC in under one year.

The **Nursing Division of the Spiritual Care Association** is perfect for nurses interested in incorporating spiritual care into their practices and enhancing their spiritual care knowledge and training.

>> <https://spiritualcareassociation.org/nursing>

First Responder Chaplain Division

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The First Responder Chaplain Division focuses on the spiritual dimension of first response practice, and provides professional training and credentialing in the field of disaster and trauma spiritual care.

It is designed for:

- Professional board certified or credentialed chaplains or chaplain candidates who seek a specialization certification in crisis, trauma, and disaster first response
- Community leaders providing spiritual care within first response organizations who want to earn a certificate demonstrating applicable knowledge and skill
- All members of first response teams interested in incorporating spiritual care into their practice, including Law Enforcement Chaplains, Fire Chaplains, EMS Chaplains and Disaster Response Chaplains attached to Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)



Our mission is to support best-practice first response spiritual care and self-care through education and resources for professionals and first response-related organizations.

Educational resources for members of the First Responder Chaplain Division include the Crisis, Trauma, and First Response Certificate Course for Chaplains

This course provides the fundamental skills and knowledge needed to provide spiritual care for people who have been impacted by an emergency, crisis, trauma, or disaster. Upon completion of this online, self-guided course, students earn the Crisis, Trauma, and First Response Certificate.

Why a first responder course for chaplains?

Many chaplains working in first response settings are not board certified or credentialed. As a result, there has been a vast difference in skills and knowledge among those working in this capacity. First response organizations have called for a more uniform knowledge base for chaplains working in first response. This course fills this gap and guarantees a standard level of skill in carrying out this highly charged work.

Covered subjects include:

- Beliefs and practices of various cultures and religions, including spiritual or existential norms related to coping, dying, and after-death care of the body
- Identifying vulnerable populations to fill gaps in the provision of spiritual care in crisis situations
- Models of spiritual assessment
- Symptoms of stress, vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue of first responders and appropriate interventions

>> <https://spiritualcareassociation.org/first-responder-chaplains>

Hospice Division of the



SPIRITUAL CARE ASSOCIATION

The Hospice Division of the Spiritual Care Association (SCA) focuses on the spiritual dimension of professional hospice practice, to support chaplains whose specialization is in this setting, community leaders serving as spiritual care generalists in hospice, and all members of hospice teams.

The Hospice Division advances the spiritual care component of hospice services as an essential aspect of high-quality whole-person care for all, including professionals who provide hospice care.

The Division achieves its mission through education, mentoring, and resources for hospice professionals and organizations, including the course, **Foundations of Hospice Chaplaincy**, offered through the SCA Learning Center.

The Hospice Division is for

- Professional board certified or credentialed chaplains or chaplain candidates who want specialization certification in hospice and palliative care
- Community leaders providing spiritual care within a hospice organization who want a certificate demonstrating their knowledge and skill
- Other members of hospice teams interested in incorporating spiritual care into their practice



Through courses, other resources, and presentations from national and international experts, members of the SCA Hospice Division will find collegiality with chaplain colleagues and other hospice professionals; deepen their knowledge of spiritual care within hospice; strengthen their understanding of other faiths and cultures; and further explore their own personal spirituality.

Benefits of Membership Include:

- Belonging to a supportive professional community that welcomes both novice and seasoned hospice chaplains and other team members
- Accessing current best-practice standards of spiritual care
- Notification of new research related to spiritual care and hospice
- Discounted price for online professional educational courses at the SCA Learning Center
- Discounted registration for the annual Caring for the Human Spirit® Conference
- Three free Spiritual Care Grand Round Webinars annually
- Free electronic subscription to the Journal of HealthCare Chaplaincy
- Free subscription to the Caring for the Human Spirit® Magazine
- Free Spiritual Care Tip of the Day email
- Membership directory and networking opportunities
- Access to archived webinars and articles related to chaplaincy
- Opportunities to present at the national level, publish articles, or be featured in our hospice spotlight column
- Adding a chaplaincy or spiritual care certification to your portfolio

>> <https://spiritualcareassociation.org/hospice>



HCCN and SCA supply the only research-based curriculum for clinical pastoral education (CPE), which is utilized by our teaching partner, the Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training (ICPT), to educate chaplaincy students and others seeking training in pastoral care.

CPE students – including chaplains in training, clergy, seminarians, nurses, social workers, and volunteers in hospitals and hospice – are taught to observe, listen, communicate and effectively attend to patients’ and families’ spiritual and emotional needs.

Through hands-on practice, clinical supervision and academic study, CPE students are trained in assessing and treating spiritual distress; helping individuals complete advance directives; supporting medical and other staff; providing bereavement support; and many other topics.

CPE is invaluable training for working with people of all ages and backgrounds who are coping with profound challenges and transitions in their lives.

The Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training provides online CPE that enables individuals to participate from any location. The program offers instructor-led group learning and allows students to perform required clinical hours at conveniently-located health care institutions.

In January 2019, ICPT received full accreditation from the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (www.accet.org), a U.S. Dept. of Education-recognized accrediting agency.

ICPT is accredited to offer CPE Units 1-4 and CPE Supervisor-in-Training (SIT) Units 1-4, with each of these Units consisting of 400 hours. Through the partnership with HCCN and SCA, ICPT delivers its 400-hour accredited CPE programs in a hybrid learning format.

The partnership was established to integrate HCCN's 40+ years of real-world CPE experience into ICPT's award-winning learning management platform. This collaboration is designed to improve student learning outcomes while simplifying ICPT Supervisors' efforts to integrate current CPE events into instruction.

The program's CPE students also receive the support of the HCCN and SCA community of health care and spiritual care providers, which connects members around the world through social media, virtual conferences, and in-person events. These connections foster valuable networking, idea sharing and inspiration that helps enrich CPE teaching and learning.



>> <https://spiritualcareassociation.org/what-is-cpe>

On-Site Chaplaincy Services

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network is a leader in building, staffing, and administering chaplaincy departments. HCCN's chaplains of many faiths, trained in the latest research-based best practices in spiritual care, provide person-to-person care for approximately 100,000 patients, their family members, and hospital staff each year.

Our clinical partners:

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY
Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY
St. Mary's Center, New York, NY
St. Mary's Hospital for Children, Queens, NY
University Hospital, Newark, NJ

LifeSpan:

Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI
The Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI
Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI
Newport Hospital, Newport, RI

Our hospital chaplaincy program remains at the heart of our mission – to nurture the spiritual strengths of people faced with illness and grief and help them find comfort and new meaning amid these profound challenges.

The Job of a Hospital Chaplain

As the spiritual care specialists on health care teams, professional chaplains receive extensive clinical and academic training to care for people of all faiths and backgrounds, including those unaffiliated with any faith tradition. The care that chaplains provide requires active listening, respect, empathy, strong communication skills, and understanding of the patient's life context and preferences.

For patients and their loved ones – at the time of difficult news, or in the midst of physical, emotional, or spiritual pain – a chaplain's presence can relieve fear and isolation, clarify goals of care, and align health care decisions with patient values. Chaplains are patient advocates in the truest sense.

In addition to this one-to-one care, our chaplains

- Educate medical staff in recognizing and responding to patients' and families' spiritual care needs
- Develop stress reduction programs for hospital staff
- Participate in palliative care rounds and on palliative care, ethics and other hospital committees
- Lead support groups on bereavement, addiction, meditation and other subjects
- Lead interfaith services and arrange holiday events for people of different faiths

>> www.healthcarechaplancy.org/on-site-chaplancy-services

Support for Hospital Spiritual Care Programs & Spiritual Care beyond Hospital Walls



Excellence in Spiritual Care Award

A prestigious recognition opportunity that highlights the commitment of hospitals, hospices and other health organizations to best practices in spiritual care, with consultation from HCCN to establish and meet spiritual care goals

General Consulting Services

Helping health care institutions provide the highest-quality spiritual care to improve patient outcomes and satisfaction, staff morale and retention, cultural competency, and palliative and end-of-life care



HCCN-TV

Ten programs rich in educational and inspirational content for use on hospital television systems and in other health care settings



Telechaplancy

Person-to-person care via phone, email or video call through a chaplain-staffed helpline for people seeking spiritual and emotional support from any location



Spiritual Care Websites

Web resources for people living with cancer, veterans & military families, & the general public, available for co-branding by health care organizations:

ChatWithaChaplain.org, CantBelieveIHaveCancer.org, ChaplainCareforVeterans.org, & SoulCareProject.org



Currently 42 clients in 17 states are utilizing one or more of our resources:

CALIFORNIA: VA San Diego Healthcare System

DELAWARE: Bayhealth, Kent General Hospital, Bayhealth, Milford Memorial Hospital

FLORIDA: Baycare, St. Joseph's Hospital, Florida Hospital Celebration Health

GEORGIA: WellStar Cobb Hospital

INDIANA: Eskenazi Health

KENTUCKY: St. Elizabeth Edgewood, St. Elizabeth Florence, St. Elizabeth Fort Thomas

LOUISIANA: Willis-Knighton Health System: Willis-Knighton Bossier, Willis-Knighton Center for Women's Health, Willis Knighton Pierremont, Willis-Knighton Rehabilitation, Willis-Knighton South

MICHIGAN: VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

MISSOURI: St. Louis Children's Hospital

NEW JERSEY: Bayonne MC Carepoint, Shore Medical Center, The Valley Hospital, University Hospital

NEW YORK: The Brooklyn Hospital Center, Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Northwell South Bay, Northwell South Nassau, NYU Langone, Peconic Bay Medical Center, Richmond University Medical Center, St. Mary's Center, St. Mary's Hospital for Children

NORTH DAKOTA: Sanford Health System

PENNSYLVANIA: Abington Memorial Hospital, Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, University of Pennsylvania, UPMC Pinnacle Cancer Institute, UPMC Pinnacle Harrisburg

RHODE ISLAND: Lifespan Health System: Rhode Island Hospital, Hasbro Children's Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Newport Hospital

TENNESSEE: Trezevant Episcopal Retirement Community

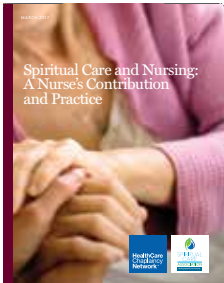
UTAH: Primary Children's Hospital Intermountain Healthcare

WISCONSIN: Aurora Baycare Medical Center

>> www.healthcarechaplaincy.org/institutions-we-serve.html

Publications

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network and Spiritual Care Association develop and disseminate numerous publications to advance our field and support chaplains and other health care professionals in increasing their spiritual care knowledge and skills. The following are examples of our growing library of resources.



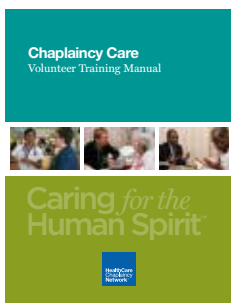
White Papers

HCCN and SCA have published extensively-researched white papers for chaplains, nurses, physicians, social workers, and health care administrators. These focus on the role that each discipline has to play in ensuring a path for spiritual care in all situations of patient and family need, and on self-care for all individuals in demanding health professions. Each is fully referenced and supported with the latest underlying research evidence. We will continue to develop new white papers in areas where clarification is needed to support best spiritual care practice.



Caring for the Human Spirit Magazine

This biannual magazine, published by HCCN, offers a unique and rich mix of articles on topics of interest to all health professionals interested in advancing the integration of spiritual care in health care. With each issue, chaplains, nurses, physicians, researchers and others write about best practices, strategies, and research to enhance practice, improve patient satisfaction, and offer inspiration to professionals as well as to patients, family caregivers, and other loved ones.

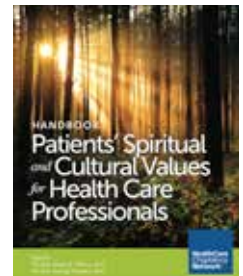


Volunteer Training Manual

Well-trained volunteers expand the reach of chaplaincy in tightly budgeted (and often understaffed) spiritual care departments. This popular manual provides valuable guidance for chaplain directors on developing effective volunteers who can support chaplains' work by providing companionship and other assistance for patients and their families.

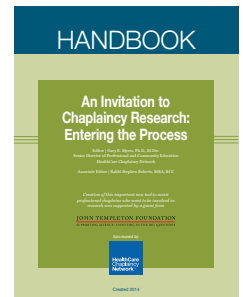
Handbook of Patient's Spiritual and Cultural Values for Health Care Professionals

Because we encounter patients and families of different faith and cultural backgrounds, this handbook serves as an easy-to-use guide toward understanding the beliefs and practices generally found within a particular cultural or religious group.



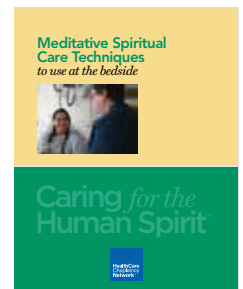
An Invitation to Chaplaincy Research: Entering the Process

This handbook explores how the chaplain profession, through research, can establish vital links between chaplaincy care practices and the growing expectation that health care providers demonstrate the value of their practices. The handbook is both an invitation and challenge to the profession to contribute to the growth, effectiveness and longevity of chaplaincy by increasing its research literacy and by supporting or participating in research opportunities.



Meditative Spiritual Techniques

HCCN's informative and portable Meditative Spiritual Care Techniques brochure adds to the chaplaincy tool box and is designed for use at the bedside. For both generalist and specialist spiritual care providers, there are a number of spiritual techniques that can be employed with patients who have chronic and serious illness and their caregivers. By incorporating meditative prayer, scriptural-focused prayer, relaxation response and healing rituals, chaplains and others can guide individuals with these techniques and help them create a sustained practice.



Spiritual Care Handbook on PTSD/TBI

This is the first handbook on Best Practices for the Provision of Spiritual Care to Persons with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury – produced by the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and authored by HealthCare Chaplaincy. The handbook provides information on PTSD and TBI and in-depth instruction on numerous spiritual care interventions for these conditions.



Cultural & Spiritual Sensitivity: A Learning Module for Health Care Professionals

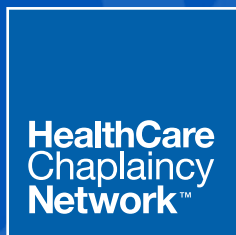
Widely used for nursing and physician continuing education, this self-learning module assists health care professionals in (1) Identifying and acknowledging one's own cultural and spiritual heritage and how it impacts one's attitudes in providing care; (2) describing the components of culture and spirituality; and (3) demonstrating appropriate cultural and spiritual sensitivity in one's approach to providing care.



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