

Community Based Nurses...

What's the difference?

	Faith Community Nurses	Homecare Nurses	County Health Nurses	Living at Home Block Nurses
Relationship	Long-term through faith community	Short- and long-term based on skilled needs	Short- and long-term through county community	Long-term through neighborhood or other defined community
Focus	Health promotion and wellness of mind, body & spirit integrated with spirituality and religion; often known as parish nurses	Medical model, disease & treatment oriented	Care coordination, health promotion and education, supporting county residents to remain healthy in their communities	Keeping seniors healthy and safe in their homes
Who Served	All ages within a faith community	All ages	All ages within a county	Seniors within a neighborhood community
Services	Health education, referral, health counseling, blood pressure clinics, support groups, home, hospital, and nursing home visitation, act as advocate and liaison	Skilled nursing care including home health, therapeutic interventions, IV therapy, palliative care, and some maternal child visits	Coordination of community supports, services, and benefits from a variety of private and publicly available funding and service sources	Skilled nursing services and coordination of supportive services such as respite care, chore services, transportation and friendly visiting
Role	Blends nursing and ministry (no hands on clinical care)	Coordinates care based on payment sources	Coordinates community resources within a county	Coordinates community resources in a neighborhood or defined community

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Faith Based Ministries...

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	Faith Community Nurses	Health/Care Team Ministries	Befrienders	Faith In Action	Stephens Ministries
Focus	Health promotion and wellness of mind, body & spirit integrated with spirituality and religion	Responds to the non-medical "quality of life" needs of individuals and families	Provides emotional support to individuals in need	Collaboratives that work to improve the lives of neighbors with long-term health needs	Those who are hurting receive love and care they need to support them
Program	Registered nurse with specialized training; often known as a parish nurse	One model was founded by Interfaith CarePartners in Texas in the 1980s; other program models common	Training and support by organizations including Lutheran Social Service and the University of St. Thomas	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded initiative	Training developed in 1975 in St. Louis
Services	Health education, referral, health counseling, blood pressure clinics, support groups; home, hospital, and nursing home visits; act as advocate and liaison	Respite to family caregivers, grocery shopping assistance, transportation, friendly visiting, light housekeeping, yard work, meal preparation	Support people in need through visits, phone calls, conversations, etc. Not to be confused with Befrienders International which provides suicide intervention services	Grocery shopping or running errands, respite for caregivers, transportation, friendly visiting, reading, or helping sort and track bills and payments	Lay caregivers provide one to one care which includes spiritual and emotional support during crises or challenges
Role	Blends nursing and ministry (no hands on clinical care)	A team of faith community volunteers is created around the needs of an individual or family	Lay people who befriend through a ministry of listening, caregiving, and support	Volunteers provide non-medical in-home help to maintain independence in the community	Provide services to bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, divorced, and others facing a crisis or life challenge

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