



HEALTH MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION

Important Information for Faith Community Nurses **Use of the abbreviation FCN in position titles and signatures**

Since publication of the Faith Community Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, 2005, the use of FCN as an abbreviation after a nurse's name became common practice. The abbreviation FCN had been used by registered professional nurses who claim the specialty practice after completing a faith community nursing foundations course and entering into a faith community nursing practice. It is however, an abbreviation and does not denote a credential.

With the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) development of the certification process by portfolio for the nursing specialty practice of FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING, **{offered August 2014 through December 2017}**; both the American Nurses Association, {ANA}; the American Nurses Credentialing Center, {ANCC} and Health Ministries Association{HMA} is recommending that Registered Nurses in the specialty of faith community nursing, discontinue the use of the abbreviation FCN after their name in a signature or in their position title. It is appropriate to spell out "Faith Community Nurse" under the nurse's name.

An example of a signature would be:

For any faith community nurse:

Nancy Nurse, MS, BSN, RN

Faith Community Nurse

For ANCC Certified faith community nurse:

For any faith community nurse who successfully completed certification through ANCC's Faith Community Nurse Certification by Portfolio process, a practicing faith community nurse would be able to use the certification credential, RN-BC.

An example of a signature for a nurse with certification in faith community nursing would be:

Nancy Nurse, MS, BSN, RN-BC

Faith Community Nurse

Health Ministries Association, Inc., (HMA) is the professional association representing the specialty practice of faith community nursing to the American Nurses Association. It holds an essential responsibility in defining the scope and standards of practice for this nursing specialty.

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