

Objectives for Each Level of Christian Science Nurses Training Programs

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This document outlines a systematic program of instruction for Christian Science nurses. Established instructional opportunities include classroom teaching, practicums, and individualized mentoring to teach the metaphysical basis, ethics, skills, and judgments deemed necessary in order to represent oneself as a Christian Science nurse.

Christian Science nursing, as a ministry and profession, is based on the Church Manual By-law, given below:

Christian Science Nurse. SECT. 31. A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick.

The cards of such persons may be inserted in *The Christian Science Journal* under rules established by the publishers.

The document, *Core Topics and Desired Outcomes for Christian Science Nurses Training Programs*, provides further details on course content.

Level 1 This level introduces the basics of Christian Science nursing, including its spiritual foundation, ethics, judgments and skills. It focuses on how to interact with patients and provide personal care for patients needing minimal assistance with washing, dressing and moving safely. At the completion of this level, participants are expected to be able to work independently with patients needing this level of care, seeking assistance and guidance when needed.

Topics include: ethics, basic personal care, basic mobility, basic nourishment, communication.

Level 2 Participants build on the skills already learned and take up more in-depth work with the standards, ethics, judgments and skills required of a Christian Science nurse. At this level they learn how to provide full care to patients, including bed care and mobility, as well as how to provide for various nourishment needs, including food modification.

Topics include: ethics, personal care (including bed care), mobility and patient transfer, nourishment and food modification.

Level 3 A more advanced and focused examination of the standards, ethics, judgments and skills practiced in Christian Science nursing is applied in a variety of settings. Participants learn cleansing and bandaging skills and how to respond in various emergency situations.

Topics include: ethics, review of personal care (including bed care), review of mobility and patient transfer, emergency situations, cleansing and bandaging, working in a variety of settings--facility, home, school, camp, etc.

Level 4 This level undertakes a full review of the standards, ethics, judgment and skills necessary for the practice of Christian Science nursing. It focuses on skills for supervising, management, basic instruction, and interaction with the public.

Topics include: ethics, general review, supervision and management, basic instruction and mentoring.