



# **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Christian Science Nurse Ministry**

**Courses offered by**

**Sunrise Haven**

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# Mission Statement

**To assist sincere Christian Scientists worldwide in preparing for the ministry of Christian Science nursing, and thereby supporting the healing mission of the Christian Science movement.**

Central to Sunrise Haven's Christian Science Nurse's Training Program are the requirements set forth by Mary Baker Eddy in the *Manual By-law* (Article VIII. Sect.31), and in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. (p. 395:17-20)

*Manual By-law* (p. 49) Article VIII. Sect.31 Christian Science Nurse.

“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.”

*Science and Health* p. 395:17-20

“An ill-tempered, complaining, or deceitful person should not be a nurse. The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love.”

Throughout the training, the Christian Science nurse will deepen and widen his/her understanding of the *Manual By-law* and nursing qualities.

Sunrise Haven's Christian Science nurse instructor will help you design a training program that meets your unique needs and schedule. In the classroom portion of the course, the instructor will work side-by-side with you in exploring questions about Christian Science nursing, in learning Christian Science nursing skills, and whenever appropriate practicing in real Christian Science nursing situations. This will then be followed by a flexible shoulder-to-shoulder mentoring period in a variety of Christian Science nursing settings.

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### **The Spiritual Dimension of Care – One-Day Seminar**

Subjects covered in this seminar include:

- Metaphysical readings
- A closer look at the parable of the Good Samaritan
- Christ and Christmas
- The foundation of Christian Science nursing
- Science and Health page 395
- The Church Manual by law for the Christian Science nurse
- The history of Christian Science nursing
- The Christian Science Scope of Services
- Conclusion
- Is Christian Science nursing something for me?

This seminar is for anyone who is interested in exploring the idea of Christian Science nursing as a *Manual* based activity and to grow in his/her capacity to comfort and heal.

It is also the first step in Sunrise Haven's Christian Science nurse's training program.

The Spiritual Dimension of Care, and all Christian Science nurses training courses, are offered in English. Sufficient language proficiency is required.

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**Introduction Course: Christian Science Nursing I**

This course consists of one week of classroom study addressing principles, ethics, and practical Christian Science nursing skills in relation to caring for a patient when minimal assistance with care is needed. A readiness to assist more skilled Christian Science nurses in care of a patient is also included. A flexible mentoring period of Christian Science nursing experience under the guidance of a mentor is available.

Topics covered in the Introductory course include:

1. Christian Science Nursing Ethics
2. Communication
3. Surroundings
4. Personal Care
5. Activity and Mobility
6. Nourishment
7. Simple Cleansing and Bandaging
8. Safeguarding – The Invulnerability of Man
9. Assessment and Conclusion

**Requirements for Enrollment**

- Participation in the One-Day Seminar, “The Spiritual Dimension of Care.”
- A heartfelt commitment to the healing ministry of Christian Science.
- Membership in The Mother Church and regular attendance at a Christian Science branch church or society.
- Christian Science class instruction

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### **Basic Course: Christian Science Nursing II**

This course consists of two weeks classroom study, practical nursing skills, and some practice in real Christian Science nursing situations. The two weeks are then followed by a flexible period of shoulder-to-shoulder Christian Science nursing experience under the guidance of a mentor.

Subjects covered in the Basic course include:

1. Ethics of Christian Science Nursing
2. Assessment
3. Personal Care
4. Rest and Movement
5. Activity and Mobility
6. Nourishment
7. Caring for those with Difficulty Seeing
8. Caring for those with Hearing Difficulty
9. Caring for those with Speech Difficulty
10. Caring for those with Mental Needs
11. Simple Cleansing and Bandaging
12. Passing on
13. Safety
14. Advertisement

### **Requirements for Enrollment**

- Introductory Course or its equivalent from another Christian Science nurse training facility
- The same requirements indicated for the Introductory Course
- Successful completion of the mentoring period after the Introductory Course
- Christian Science class instruction

To successfully progress in the ministry of Christian Science nursing the following options are available to Christian Science student nurse:

1. Gathering further experience by working with a mentor (*Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse) in visiting nursing and home nursing settings and/or working in one or more Christian Science nursing facilities.
2. After sufficient experience is gained, continuing with the **Intermediate Course** offered by Sunrise Haven, or an equivalent course at another training facility.

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### **Intermediate Course: Christian Science Nursing III**

This course consists of two weeks classroom study, practical skills, and Christian Science nursing experience in real Christian Science nursing situations. The two weeks are followed by a flexible period of shoulder-to-shoulder practice of the subjects covered in this level, under the guidance of a mentor.

Subjects covered in the Intermediate Course include:

1. Ethics of Christian Science Nursing
2. Assessment
3. Personal Care
4. Activity and Mobility
5. Changing Needs
6. Sudden Needs
7. Reportable Conditions
8. Nourishment
9. Caring for those with Seeing, Hearing, and Speech Difficulties (Review)
10. Caring for those with Mental Needs (Review)
11. Cleansing, Covering and Bandaging
12. Passing On
13. Safety (Review)
14. Advertising

### **Requirements for Enrollment**

- Basic Course or its equivalent from another Christian Science nurse training facility
- The same requirements indicated for the Basic Course
- A diverse and successful completion of the mentoring period after the Basic Course

To successfully progress in the ministry of Christian Science nursing the following options are available to Christian Science student nurse.

- 1) Gathering as much experience as possible in the subjects covered in the Intermediate Course, in a variety of Christian Science nursing settings, and under the guidance and supervision of a mentor (a qualified *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurse).
- 2) After an extended period of Christian Science nursing practice in a variety of settings, and under different circumstances, the Christian Science student nurse may apply for the Advanced Course.

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**Advanced Course: Christian Science Nursing IV**

This course consists of two weeks of classroom work, followed by a flexible mentoring period during which the Christian Science student nurse *may* turn to the mentor for support and/or advice until such time as he/she is *Journal*-listed.

Topics covered in the Advanced course are:

1. Ethics of Christian Science Nursing
2. Assessment
3. Personal Care (Review)
4. Activity and Mobility (Review)
5. Changing Needs (Review)
6. Sudden Needs (Review)
7. Reportable Conditions (Review)
8. Nourishment
9. Caring for Those with Seeing, Hearing, and Speech Difficulties (Review)
10. Caring for those with Mental Needs (Review)
11. Cleansing, Covering and Bandaging
12. Passing On
13. Leadership and Management (In an Organization)
14. Mentoring
15. Christian Science Nursing in Various Settings
16. Christian Science Nursing and Children
17. Mother and Infant Care
18. Safety – The Invulnerability of Man (Review)
19. Developing Abilities and Possibilities (Caring for Those with Developmental Disabilities)
20. Preparing or Listing in the *Christian Science Journal* – Representing Oneself in the Field

The Advanced Course is meant for those Christian Science student nurses who would like to broaden their Christian Science nursing ministry into different areas, who might like to assist in mentoring Christian Science student nurses, and be better prepared for *Journal*-listing.