

Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry “Bloom With Us” Conference

Ottawa, ON, May 16, 2002 - “Bloom With Us” is the conference name for the Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry to be held here in Ottawa from May 24th to the 26th at Ottawa City Hall.

Algonquin College is one of the sponsors of the above conference and is one of the colleges in the province to offer Parish Nursing courses. The School of Health and Community Studies has over the past few years offered two courses in the area of parish nursing. One is a 6-hour workshop that gives the nurse an orientation and some facilitation skills for parish nursing. The other is a 69-hour course which gives registered nurses the knowledge and skills to practice parish nursing.

The church and nursing have throughout history been partners in health care. Here in the Ottawa area is the Ottawa Region Parish Nursing Coalition which is made up of practicing parish nurses associated with various denominations.

A parish nurse is employed by a church or group of churches to assist church members with health concerns. A parish nurse may be found helping a new mother with aspects of baby care or found assisting a senior member of the church with the transition into a long-term care facility or found teaching teenagers in church, CPR and First Aid. The parish nurse is there to offer advise or to listen or to share a prayer.

Algonquin College would like to invite you to meet a nurse who has completed the 69-hour course. There will be the opportunity to film this parish nurse in her job setting. Details will also be made available regarding the above conference and the opportunity to attend and film the conference in progress.

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