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Spiritual Care Nursing (SCN): Education, Registration, and Resources

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About the SCN Educational Program

The Spiritual Care Nursing (SCN) educational program prepares registered nurses to strengthen whole-person nursing care by addressing the spiritual dimension of health, particularly in clinical healthcare settings.

The program introduces the Spiritual Care Nursing Model, nursing spiritual assessment, evidence-informed spiritual nursing interventions, care planning, and collaboration with professional chaplains and other healthcare professionals.

Do I need to enroll in a Capstone University degree program?

No. Registered nurses may register for the SCN course as continuing nursing education (CNE) participants without enrolling in a degree program or pursuing academic course credit.

How is the course delivered?

The course is offered online through the **Canvas learning platform** and is entirely asynchronous. Participants:

- Study at their own pace and schedule.
- Follow the course outline and complete assigned readings.
- Participate in learning activities and complete required assignments.
- Do not need to attend scheduled class meetings.

Helpful Links and Resources

1. Spiritual Care Nursing White Paper (2026)

Learn about the emerging SCN specialty, its conceptual foundation, scope of practice, and collaborative relationships with other healthcare professionals.

Read the SCN White Paper

2. Capstone University – School of Spiritual Care Nursing

Explore the SCN educational program, curriculum, and course information.

Explore the SCN Educational Program

3. SCN Course Registration / Application

Register for the SCN course as a continuing nursing education participant rather than as a degree-seeking student.

Register for the SCN Course