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USI sponsoring parish nurse education program

A Basic Parish Nurse Education Program will be presented Thursday through Sunday, September 27 through 30, at Kordes Enrichment Center in Ferdinand, Indiana. University of Southern Indiana School of Nursing and Health Professions and the Tri-State Parish Nurse Organization are sponsoring the event.

Parish nursing is the specialized practice of professional nursing focusing on promotion of health and wholeness within the context of a faith community. Program participants will learn about the various functions of a parish nurse from USI nursing faculty, clergy, an attorney, and experienced parish nurses. The curriculum is endorsed by the International Parish Nurse Resource Center. Members of the faculty include:

- Dr. Judith Halstead, DNS, RN, associate professor of nursing and director of Instructional Services and Resources, USI, Evansville
- Julie St. Clair, MSN, RN, instructor in nursing, USI, Evansville
- Carol Anderson, BSN, RN, parish nurse, Grace Lutheran Church, Evansville
- Cyndee Burton, RN, commissioned minister of health, Zion United Church of Christ, Henderson
- Carol Havens, RN, commissioned minister of health, Salem United Church of Christ, Darmstadt
- David Parks, legal counsel, Methodist Hospital, Henderson
- David C. Peterson, MDiv, Salem United Church of Christ, Darmstadt
- Rose Sartore, RN, parish nurse, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Evansville
- Elizabeth Terrill, MDiv, St. Peter United Church of Christ, Wadesville
- Mary Titzer, MSN, RN, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Newburgh
- Judy Wittgen, RN, parish nurse, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Evansville

Presented in a retreat setting, the program will support continued growth in spiritual formation as well as the knowledge, attitudes, and skills central to the parish nurse role. It is designed for registered nurses and students enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs. Eligible nurses will receive 35 contact hours.

The program fee is \$400 and includes snacks, nine meals, and three night's lodging (double occupancy). A deposit of \$100 is due by Monday, August 27.

For additional information or registration, call USI Extended Services at 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.