

Peace Haven Association

Christian Science Nurse Practice Model

Christian Science Nursing Qualities

- Maintains a standard of thought and demonstration consistent with Science and Health, page 395: “The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith – receptive to Truth and Love.”
- Maintains poise and dominion when confronted with aggressive suggestions.
- Shows a willingness and desire to learn, to grow, to work, and to be an active part of the ministry of Christian Science nursing.
- Expresses compassion to everyone with whom one comes in contact.
- Is a peace maker – shows consideration and respect for others, fulfilling The Golden Rule.
- Is growing in spiritual-mindedness as expressed in unity of thought and action.
- Is progressively demonstrating dominion over ill-temper, complaint, and deceit. (Science and Health, page 395.)
- Embraces the unique demands of a Christian Science nursing ministry in a facility setting.

Spiritual Readiness

- Is an active member of a branch church of Christ, Scientist.
- Possesses a demonstrable knowledge of the healing practice of Christian Science.
- Lives in accord with the teachings of Christian Science and is familiar with the expectations of a member of The Mother Church as outlined in Article VIII of the Manual of The Mother Church.
- Maintains a deep study and practice of the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, specifically the chapter on Christian Science Practice in the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.
- Conducts oneself according to the highest ethical standards and is guided by sound morals.
- Expresses humility and spiritual maturity.

Christian Science Nursing Judgment

- Demonstrates the ability to identify and meet individual needs through spiritual vision, intuition, discernment, flexibility, and practical wisdom.
- Identifies and utilizes resources and options with which to meet Christian Science nursing needs.
- Identifies priorities and is guided by sound reasoning to make appropriate decisions.
- Nurses oneself through consistent study and practice of Christian Science.

Christian Science Nursing Skills

- Compassionately comforts, nurtures, and supports others.
- Cares for fellow man with dignity, respect, reverence, consideration, and confidentiality.
- Adapts and refines Christian Science nursing skills within the larger context of contributing to the healing environment.
- Is able to manage and organize Christian Science nursing assignments/cases.
- Is able to evaluate one’s own work.
- Is able to give and willing to follow instructions.
- Understands what needs to be communicated and is able to impart it.