

# WHOLE PERSON CARE: An Adventist Nursing Perspective

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"At last, an enlightening and inspiring publication that honors the outstanding, distinctive legacy of Adventist nursing. It describes the underpinnings of a Biblically, faith-based nursing approach to whole-person care while addressing contemporary challenges in nursing practice and nursing education." Shirley Chang - PhD, RN, Nurse Educator

### BOOKDESGAPION

This book reviews the legacy of Adventist nursing practice and education starting in the late 19th century, highlighting the significant role of early graduates of Adventist schools of nursing in the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church. It analyzes Adventist nursing's emphasis on whole-person care and discusses the distinctiveness, opportunities, and challenges of Adventist nursing in the 21st century. Based on Grounded Theory analysis, the book features the Global Integrative Framework for Adventist Nursing, which evolved from 27 focus groups that sampled 213 nurses, representing 10 of the 13 world divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist church and 31 countries.

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## The Global Integrative Framework for Adventist Nursing Practice and Education

The three constructs in the model, caring, connecting, and empowering, represent three processes in which nurses and nurse educators engage when providing care and educating nursing students. When these three constructs are placed together in overlapping circles, the central component area reflects Adventist Nursing. However, these processes occur in an environment that incorporates the individual human being, families, and communities. All exist and function in an environment that encompasses natural, socio-cultural, political, and material aspects. Beyond the individual and environmental contexts is the overarching power of God, the Creator of human beings, the environment, and the universe. Thus, Adventist nursing is viewed from a theoretical foundation that is grounded in a Christian perspective of health and wholeness. Accordingly, the constructs depicted in this model provide a framework that can guide the practice of nursing and the process of educating students to engage in the ministry of whole person care (see Figure1).

Figure 1. The Global Integrative Framework for Adventist Nursing Practice and Education

