



Sacred Heart Endowed Chair Symposium

Beyond the Chart: Nursing Stories that Heal and Advocate

October 2, 2026

Mount Marty University Marion Auditorium, 1105 W. 8th Street, Yankton, SD
And via Zoom – register to receive the Zoom link – link will be sent 3 days prior to event

Overall Objectives: Every shift leaves a mark, yet too many healthcare stories remain confined to breakroom rants or buried in silent burnout. The 2026 Endowed Chair of Nursing Conference at Mount Marty University breaks this silence, inviting nurses to transform raw clinical experiences into powerful instruments for mental healing and systemic advocacy. Grounded in our shared heritage, this immersive event bridges the proud legacy of the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital's former nursing school with the urgent realities of modern bedside practice. The conference centers on the reclamation of the nurse's voice through a unique tripartite experience. Attendees will first journey through *The Ancestors of Advocacy*, a keynote presentation illuminating the lives of historic Mount Marty and Avera Sacred Heart nurses who navigated past healthcare crises with resilience and courage. This narrative history comes alive in a curated, museum-style archival exhibit. Featuring vintage artifacts, student diaries, and historical photographs, the exhibit demonstrates that today's nurses are part of an unbroken lineage of vital caregivers. The cornerstone of the event is an interactive, skill-building workshop designed to move nurses past passive coping mechanisms like repression or gossip. Participants will learn core storytelling and narrative structure techniques to organize their emotional data, process moral injury, and find catharsis. A panel of nurses from various walks of life (including Sisters from Sacred Heart Monastery) will give examples of how they've navigated the challenges of nursing in their careers. More importantly, the workshop equips nurses with the communication tools needed to translate personal experiences into professional agency.

Schedule:

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| 7:30 am | Registration and check-in |
| 8:00 am | Welcome and Prayer |
| 8:05 am | Historical Review of Mount Marty Nursing
<i>John Badley MDiv</i> |
| 9:05 am | Archival Exhibit—Chronicling Our Shared History
<i>John Badley MDiv</i> |
| 9:45 am | Stories of Healing and Advocacy
<i>Faith Minnich-Kjesbo MA, Jane Elle RN, Jean Hunhoff RN BSN</i> |
| 10:45 am | The Journey to Health and Healing Interactive Session
<i>Faith Minnich-Kjesbo MA</i> |
| 11:45 am | Conclusion/Prayer |

Beyond the Chart: Nursing Stories that Heal and Advocate

October 20, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Live Activity

Purpose:

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Objectives:

- 1 Analyze historical examples of nursing leadership to identify communication and advocacy strategies that can be applied to contemporary nursing practice.
- 2 Examine historical nursing artifacts and archival materials to describe how the evolution of nursing practice informs professional identity and patient care today.
- 3 Identify at least one communication, resilience, or advocacy strategy shared by experienced nurses that can be incorporated into personal professional practice.
- 4 Reflect on personal and professional experiences to develop one strategy for strengthening resilience, well-being, and authentic nursing practice.

Target Audience:

Nurse - RN, Student, Nurse - Nurse Practitioner, Nurse -LPN/LVN

For successful completion:

- Attend education
- Complete evaluation

Accreditation & Credit Designation:

Accreditation



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Avera and Mount Marty University. Avera is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Continuing Education Credit Designation(s)

Nurse CE: Avera designates this activity for a maximum of 3.50 ANCC contact hour(s). Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

REMINDER

Attendance can be texted up to 24 hours after the activity



Disclosure Policy:

Due to the regulations required for CE credits, all conflicts of interest that persons in a position to control or influence the education must be fully disclosed to participants. In observance of this requirement, we are providing the following disclosure information: all relevant financial relationships disclosed below have been mitigated.

Name of individual	Individual's role in activity	Nature of Relationship(s) / Name of Ineligible Company(s)
John Badley, MDiv	Content Expert - Committee Member, Faculty	Non-Clinical Exception
Kelly Boyd, MSN, Nurse	Committee Planning Member	Non-Clinical Exception
Krystal Diedrichsen, RN	Faculty, Lead Planner	Non-Clinical Exception
Jane Elle, RN	Faculty	Non-Clinical Exception
Lindsay Flannery, RN, MHA, Administrator	Committee Planning Member	Non-Clinical Exception
Jean Hunhoff, RN, BSN	Faculty	Non-Clinical Exception
Faith Minnich Kjesbo, MA	Content Expert - Committee Member, Faculty	Non-Clinical Exception
Vonda Reed, A.S. Accounting, Accountant	Committee Planning Member	Non-Clinical Exception

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