

## DuPage County Convalescence Center Profile

The DuPage Convalescent Center (DPCC) is a large county run skilled nursing facility (Nursing Home) located on the DuPage County campus in western Wheaton, IL. Its mission is to provide quality long-term care and rehabilitation services to DuPage County residents in a professional and cost effective manner. Through a full range of therapeutic interventions and activities, the Center helps residents reach their highest practicable level of physical, mental and psychosocial well-being.

The facility serves residents of DuPage County. Approximately 85% of DPCC residents are Medicaid recipients. About 30% of our residents are “younger” (under age 65) dealing with a variety of chronic disability. The Convalescent Center has two special care units primarily serving the needs of people with dementia, as well as a short-term rehabilitation unit. We also work cooperatively with hospice for residents in their end stages of life.

DPCC employs one full time, board certified chaplain, working with an active cadre of religious volunteers to address the spiritual concerns of its residents. A variety of religious programming is provided, offering 6-8 worship services a week. While most of the residents come from a Christian background, DPCC is committed to caring for the spiritual needs of all people, from all faith backgrounds as well as those who do not have a religious faith.

A Chaplain intern typically serves one day a week, visiting with individual residents, providing group devotionals, assisting other volunteers with religious activities and assessing new residents for spiritual needs. On a specific long term unit, an intern will develop ongoing relationships with folks from a wide variety of religious backgrounds, listening to their stories and providing ongoing spiritual support. On the short term rehab unit, the intern will have the opportunity to meet folks who have experienced significant setbacks, learning to support them through it. The Chaplain is available through the process, formally meeting with interns weekly and informally as needed.

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