

Informational Meeting Outline

This meeting is to gather those interested in planting an NCF with you. It is not a launch gathering but a gathering of those you know who would be interested in seeing NCF on their campus and participating in the team that prays and launches NCF.

Meet somewhere on campus that is safe and accessible for students. If food or snacks are allowed on campus, this is a great way to be hospitable. Often, there is a lounge in the nursing department that makes a great meeting space.

Invite those who come to mind with a clear invitation that explains what they are coming to. Sending reminder texts before the meeting is helpful.

Sample invite language could be: *"Hi John! I want to start a Nurses Christian Fellowship Group to support students and help them grow in faith and nursing. I know you would be awesome at this because (name a way they care for students). I have an informational meeting to learn more on (date and time). Can you make it?"*

Who to invite:

- Students
- Faculty
- Practicing nurse volunteers
- IV/NCF staff

Welcome and Introductions

Name

Role (student, faculty, etc.)

How did you know you were called to be a nurse or support nursing students?

Overview of NCF: NCF is a focused ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA

Vision: The vision of NCF is *seeing students and nurses know and follow Jesus in nursing.*

NCF is a student organization with a professional membership. You can do one or the other or both. **NCF wants to create a space on campus for students to process nursing school, support one another, and grow in the unique way they reflect God's caregiver nature in the world.**

Discussion:

What has nursing school been like for you? What have been the unique challenges?

What are your current needs in nursing school? What are the needs of your classmates/nursing students in your program? How can Jesus meet those needs?



The following are ideas and helpful hints for the next steps; you may choose which is more useful to your group.

NCF is a flexible program that can be contextualized to your campus.

Groups generally meet weekly to monthly.

Meetings include Bible study and prayer, speakers, food, socials, study nights, or service projects. You can be creative.

Scheduling can be difficult. Having a student representative from each cohort can make finding a time easier.

You can also have asynchronous options, such as a group chat with weekly Bible verses and prayer or partnering a younger cohort with an older cohort member for mentoring.

Listening Prayer: Before proceeding to the following steps, spend some time in prayer. Ask Jesus to bring ideas and people to your mind to reach out to. Have someone open and close the time in prayer. If nothing comes to mind, that is okay; Jesus may bring someone to mind this week.

Make a list of those you know who may be interested in NCF. Pray over that list.

Before your official launch, consider an outreach table. Ideas for a table are:

- "NCF is here for you like coffee!" Coffee station with fun syrups
 - "How do you want to grow this year in nursing school?" Succulent giveaway
 - "How's your self-care in nursing school?" Care package giveaway
 - Donut wall: "Feed your body and your soul!"
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Plan your launch gathering.

- **Where will you meet?**
- **How will you invite them?**
 - Publicity
 - Outreach Table
 - Personal Invite
- **What will your content be?**
 - Bible study
 - Speaker
 - Food
 - Ice breakers

End your informational meeting in prayer.

