



Here is a list of ideas NCF chapters around the country have tried to creatively encourage, equip and empower nursing students! Please follow the guidelines of your

university and local community.

What ideas would you add?

1) Do Something

Even if it is once a month, or online, or for 30 minutes we know now more than ever having a supportive community to lean on and grow in is important to each student involved. One NCF chapter spent the semester in prayer for one another and for each cohort and faculty by name!

2) Try Online

Online has its challenges but it can be an opportunity to reach those whose schedules don't typically align with your normal gathering time. No one has to come back to campus; you can meet at home in your pajamas. *Pro-tip: Don't call your meeting a "meeting". Be creative in inviting and renaming your gathering. "Pajama and teatime with NCF" was a hit.* Check out our webpage for online ideas, tips and tricks:

<https://ncf-jcn.org/students/ncf-online-resources>

3) Switch It Up

Keep gatherings unique throughout the semester incorporating regular bible study, and prayer, but adding occasionally speakers, game nights, service projects, outreach and study nights.

4) Incorporate Service

Meet on zoom and make cards for a local nursing home together.

5) Try a New Format

If you have been meeting online and are "zoomed out" switch to a new format. Try bible studies through GroupMe (a texting app) over the whole week. A leader texts a short passage and one question a day to the group, folks respond throughout the day as they have time. Share prayer requests over the app and lift one another up in prayer!

6) Get Smaller

Instead of meeting all together one week, break up into groups of 2 and 3 to take a break from zoom and pray together in person if your campus allows or over the phone.

7) Start a Mentor Program

Pair upperclassmen and underclassmen together for the semester. Upperclassmen can text and encourage underclassmen in their classes this year.

8) Utilize the Outdoors

If you can meet in person or outside try outdoor distanced prayer gatherings or worship nights. Set up prayer stations in a parking lot on campus and put up signs.

9) Create Care Packages

Put together gift bags with tea, water, granola bar's gum, etc... and leave them in the nursing building with a tag "NCF is here for you" with meeting information on it. NCF at Southeast Louisiana gave away Vitamin Waters with handwritten notes on them.



10) Advertise

Find out what options your university provides...can you email list serves? Do they have digital bulletin boards you can post on? Do cohorts have Facebook or Instagram pages you can share about NCF?

11) Utilize Social Media

Start an IG or FB for your chapter. Chalk outside the nursing building your IG handle, when students follow you, DM them a personal invite.

12) Host a Self-Care Nights

Talk about self-care, do self-care, invite others on that night that are not in your NCF group. Here is an outline for a meeting geared for non-christians:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kfHZRh3KHPwnydKxNOxRJxgucX_bxbRDelaYxyE2tgU/edit

13) Vision Cast Night

Ask each other "What are the needs of our classmates?" "How can NCF meet them?" Focus on the vision of NCF to encourage, equip and empower nursing students on campus. Spend time praying for your nursing classmates!

14) Host fun Online Events

Host fun online events at the beginning of the semester to invite new students to. Try a talent night, book club, or seasonal party (Valentines Day, St Patrick's day, etc...)

15) Involve Alumni

Invite alumni to speak at an event to encourage. They can talk about a verse in scripture that has been meaningful as they entered the field, self-care ideas, or pray together.

16) Window Greetings

Have upperclassmen/cohorts write messages for underclassmen/cohorts to let them know they are thinking about them even if they are not on campus at the same time.

17) Keep connecting and encouraging growth outside of meetings

Have leadership and faculty take turns writing a devotional weekly or monthly. It doesn't need to be elaborate but the personal connection will keep members feeling part of NCF even outside of meetings. If you would like help with writing a devo or for examples, let us know!