

Scope of Practice For Registered Nurses

This Scope of Practice is presented for public comment by the UAE Nursing and Midwifery Council. It is our hope that you will take the time to read the scope and to provide us your perspectives as to whether the document clearly sets forth and defines nursing.

The UAE Nursing and Midwifery Council is the national regulatory authority that sets and enforces standards for nursing and midwifery practice, education, and licensure. The Council defines and oversees the practice of nursing and midwifery with the ultimate goal of protecting the public.

The Scientific Committee on Practice members - representing every related healthcare education institution and regulatory authority across the UAE - are in the process of developing scopes of practice for the Nursing and Midwifery Profession. This scope of practice for Registered Nurses is the first one stemming from their endeavors.

This scope of practice for Registered Nurses is based on the ICN Position Statement:

“The Scope communicates roles, competencies (knowledge, skills and attitudes) and the professional accountability of the nurse. Nursing’s authority comes from evidence-based knowledge related to its sphere of practice.

Nursing is also allied to other health professions through its collaborating, referring, and coordinating activities, and thus has developed a distinct as well as a shared body of knowledge and practice. The practice and competence of an individual nurse within the legal scope of practice is influenced by a variety of factors including education, experience, expertise and interests as well as the context of practice. Therefore, definitions of roles and scope of practice need to reflect what is distinctly nursing, while communicating the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary nature of health care.”(ICN, 2004)

We present this Scope of Practice for your comments which we hope to receive on:

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The time limit to receive feedback is: the 28th of April, 2011

Thanking you in Advance,

UAE Nursing and Midwifery Council