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Professional Boundaries

IN NURSING PRACTICE



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Professional Boundaries in Nursing Practice Web Module Learning Resources

MODULE WORKBOOK LINK

<https://www.bccnm.ca/Documents/learning/modules/PBworkbook.pdf>

PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES IN NURSING PRACTICE: OVERVIEW

BCCNM provides direction, standards and a wide variety of resources related to Professional Boundaries in Nursing Practice.

BC COLLEGE OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES

Web Site: <https://www.bccnm.ca/Pages/Default.aspx>

BOUNDARIES IN NURSE-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP STANDARD

LPN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/LPN/PracticeStandards/Pages/boundaries.aspx>

NP: <https://www.bccnm.ca/NP/PracticeStandards/Pages/boundaries.aspx>

RN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/RN/PracticeStandards/Pages/boundaries.aspx>

RPN: <https://www.bccnm.ca/RPN/PracticeStandards/Pages/boundaries.aspx>

There are pieces of legislation that provide directives that inform professional boundaries in nursing practice.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/00_96183_01

NURSES (REGISTERED) AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS REGULATION

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/284_2008

NURSES (LICENSED PRACTICAL) REGULATION

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/224_2015

NURSES (REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC) REGULATION

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/227_2015

The Canadian Nurses Association's Code of Ethics for Nurses also provides direction for nursing practice in regard to professional boundaries.

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Web Resources

Recognizing, establishing, and maintaining effective professional boundaries in nursing practice requires judgment and critical thinking. BCCNM provides online resources to support this practice:

PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES SYSTEMATIC THINKING TOOL

<https://www.bccnm.ca/Documents/learning/modules/PFthinkingtool.pdf>

BCCNM CLINICAL DECISION MAKING LEARNING MODULE

https://www.bccnm.ca/Lists/Learning_modules/ClinicalDecisionmaking/player.html

BCCNM TAKING ACTION ON CONCERNS ABOUT PRACTICE LEARNING MODULE

https://www.bccnm.ca/Lists/Learning_modules/taking_action/player.html

BCCNM PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY LEARNING MODULE

https://www.bccnm.ca/Lists/Learning_modules/Privacy_Confidentiality/player.html