

Competencies Necessary for the Professional Practice of Nursing

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has defined a thorough list of competencies necessary for the professional practice of nursing. These competencies were derived from an extensive study of practicing nurses and can be defined in general terms as:

1. Ability to see, hear and touch, smell and distinguish colors.
2. Oral and writing ability with accuracy, clarity and efficiency.
3. Manual dexterity, gross and fine movements.
4. Ability to learn, think critically, analyze, assess, solve problems, reach judgement.
5. Emotional stability and ability to accept responsibility and accountability.