

DIMENSION TWO: KNOWLEDGE-BASED PRACTICE

The licensed nurse is personally responsible and accountable for having the knowledge and skills necessary for safe, competent nursing practice.

Instructions: The competency indicators below should be interpreted as broadly as possible to apply to your type of nursing position and principal setting of employment. Mark the box on the continuum from “novice” to “expert” that best describes your level of expertise for indicators 2.1-2.8.

Competency Indicators

Applicable portions of nursing law G.S. 90-171 and rules NCAC 21: 36 are referenced.

Please check the appropriate box on the scale of 1-5 with

1 = novice, 2 = advanced beginner; 3 = competent; 4 = proficient and 5 = expert

	1	2	3	4	5
2.1 I obtain appropriate information and resources to enhance my practice and achieve desired outcomes. 21 NCAC 36.0224(a)&(g) and .0225(a)&(g)					
2.2 I use appropriate judgment in collecting and interpreting data, planning, implementing, and evaluating all aspects of nursing practice, and recording appropriately. 21 NCAC 36.0224(a)-(f) and .0225(a)-(f)					
2.3 I effectively prioritize components of my practice, including planning and Implementation. 90-171.20(7)(c)&(f), (8)(c); 21 NCAC 36.0224(c)-(d) and .0225(c)-(d)					
2.4 I use evidence, such as research findings and current clinical expertise, to base decisions relevant to my practice. 21 NCAC 36.0224(a)&(b) and .0225(a)&(b)					
2.5 I regularly invest time, effort and/or resources to ensure that my knowledge and skills remain current for the area/specialty where I work. 21 NCAC 36,0224(a)&(k) and .0225(a)&(i)					
2.6 I share my knowledge with peers, new staff members, students, other members of the health care team, and clients. 90-171.20(7)(d), (g), (i) and (8)(e); 21NCAC 36.0224(g), (h)&(i) and .0225(g)&(h)					
2.7 I incorporate my learning into my practice, and evaluate its impact on my practice. 90-171.20(7)(j) and (8)(g); 21 NCAC 36.0224(k) and .0225(i)					
2.8 I am proficient in technology, including technical equipment or computer technology needed in my practice. 21 NCAC 36.0224(k) and .0225(i)					

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