

Book Review: **Nursing Professional Development: Scope & Standards of Practice**

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A work group of nurse educators and staff development leaders from National Nursing Staff Development Organization and the American Nurses Association have revised the Nursing Professional Development scope and standards of practice including an updated practice model. This book contains the new material along with the previous material from 2000. The Scope of Practice presents information related to the learning environment, scope of responsibility, educational preparation, elements of practice, advocacy and ethics, and current and future issues for nursing professional development.

The six Standards of Practice include a definition and measurement criteria for the following standards.

1. Assessment of Educational Needs
2. Identification of Issues and Trends
3. Outcomes Identification
4. Planning
5. Implementation – Coordination, Learning and Practice Environment, Consultation
6. Evaluation

This material is an excellent resource for developing or revising job descriptions and evaluation tools for nursing professional development specialists. I have also used this material to develop an orientation tool for new educators. This resource is an essential book for all practicing nurse educators in whatever role they are responsible for in their organizations.

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