The College presents *Professional Standards: An Overview*.
The *Professional Standards* practice standard provides an overall framework for nursing practice, and links with the College’s other practice standards, guidelines and competencies.

*Professional Standards* has seven broad standards: accountability, continuing competence, ethics, knowledge, knowledge application, leadership and relationships. The topic of relationships is broken down into two sections: therapeutic nurse-client relationships and professional relationships.

Each standard has equal importance and they are all interrelated. In fact, an indicator used to illustrate one standard, such as knowledge, may also demonstrate the application of another standard, such as leadership.
This slide demonstrates the document layout. Each standard includes a brief statement, a description of the statement and indicators that illustrate how the standard may be demonstrated.

There are indicators that are relevant for all nurses, plus additional indicators for nurses in administrative, educational and research positions. Three of the standards (knowledge, knowledge application and leadership) have additional indicators for RNs.
Professional Standards

- describe professional expectations of nurses;
- provide a framework for practice of nursing; and
- link with the College’s standards, guidelines and competencies.

The seven broad standards in the *Professional Standards* document provide the framework for nursing practice and are imbedded in all practice standards, guidelines and RN and RPN competencies. *Professional Standards* is the foundation for all other documents, such as the *Documentation* and *Medication* practice standards.
To work through another chapter from *Professional Standards*, close the presentation and return to the Learning Centre.