

Critical Inquiry and Evidence-Informed Practice

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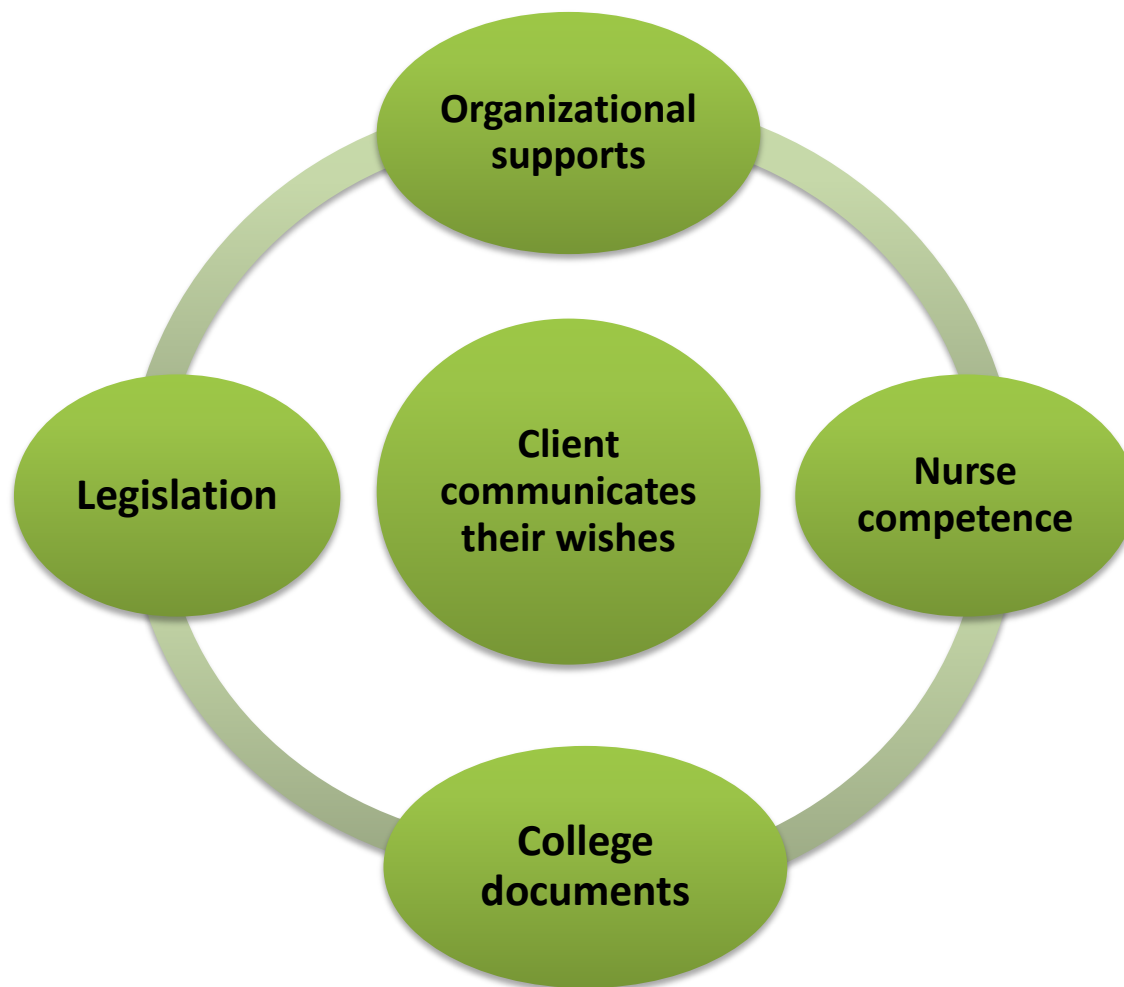
Objectives

1. To explain the regulatory requirements for evidence-informed practice.
2. To discuss how critical inquiry supports safe practice.
3. To share examples of how nurses apply critical inquiry in practice.

Introduction

- Feedback from members on the draft *Medication* practice standard:
 - Lack of understanding of concepts
 - Need for assistance in applying concepts
 - Need to update organizational medication policies

Supports for Nursing Practice



College Documents

- What do College documents say about critical inquiry and evidenced informed practice?

Competency

- Demonstrated knowledge, skill, ability and judgment required for safe and ethical nursing practice

Critical Inquiry

- Reflective reasoning
- Spirit of:
 - Inquiry
 - Logical reasoning
- Application of Standards

Evidence-Informed Practice

- Successful strategies to improve client outcome
- Multiple sources of evidence

Professional Standards

- Practice based in theory and evidence
- Evidence-informed rationale

Competence

- Required competencies for entry-level nurses
- Assessment of members' continuing competence

Responsibility and Accountability

- Use of critical inquiry in relation to new knowledge
- Application of critical thinking in provision of care
- Integration of quality improvement principles
- Policy that guides delivery of care

Knowledge-Based Practice

- Diverse sources of knowledge and ways of knowing
- Repeatedly making critical inquiries
- Evidence-informed decision making to guide practice
- Openness to new ideas

Specialized Body of Knowledge

- Proactively seeks new knowledge
- Supports involvement in research
- Collaborative approach
- Responds to trends in research and environment

Quality Practice Setting Attributes

- Reflective practice
- Collegial relations
- Culture of respect
- Application of nursing knowledge and research
- Atmosphere of inquiry

...And the Learning Continues

"Know what's weird? Day by day, nothing seems to change, but pretty soon...everything's different."

Calvin from Calvin and Hobbes

*(Retrieved February 28, 2013 from:
<http://www.ideachampions.com/weblogs/archives/quotes/index.shtml>)*

College Resources

- College documents
 - [Competencies for Entry-Level Registered Nurse Practice](#)
 - [Entry-to-Practice Competencies for Ontario RPNs](#)
 - [Therapeutic Nurse-Client Relationships](#)
 - [Professional Standards](#)
- College Website: www.cno.org/tools
- Practice support line
 - 416-928-0900 x 6397; Toll-free: 1-800-387-5526
 - Email: PPD@cnomail.org
- Outreach Consultants: www.cno.org/prac/outreach

Questions?



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