



Council Purpose

The purpose of the Professional Nursing Practice Council (PNPC) is to promote positive patient outcomes and professional nursing practice at Winter Haven Hospital. Our foundation for nursing practice is the Winter Haven Hospital Nursing Professional Model of Care based on Jean Watson's Caring Theory and Nursing Standards of Care as outlined in the Florida Nurse Practice Act.

Council Scope

The scope of this council is to provide input and guidance to:

- Clinical Practice Standards
- Quality Improvement
- Staff and Professional Development
- Research

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of this council include but are not limited to:

- Supporting the Values, Vision, Mission and Goals of the WHH Strategic Plan
- Serving as liaisons for nurses on individual units/departments and the PNPc according to the tenets of the scope of the council as detailed above
- Developing, supporting and participating in professional practice councils at the unit level
- Bringing professional practice issues to meetings and participating in finding solutions to issues
- Representing Nursing issues on other hospital committees.
- Assisting, supporting and initiating quality improvement and research projects on nursing units
- Providing guidance to the RN Clinical REWARDS program
- Selecting Daisy Award winners from the submitted nominees
- Communicating with the managers of the units represented, sharing minutes and discussions
- Identifying staff needs for continuing education

Membership and Meeting Procedures

- The Professional Nursing Practice Council is composed of RNs who are involved in direct patient care plus ex-officio representatives from Nursing Administration who function as advisors and resources.
- The CNO attends to share concerns and ensure two-way communication with the nursing executive board
- The PNPc is co-chaired by registered nurses.
- The co-chairs of the PNPc attend the Patient Services Executive Board Meeting monthly
- The PNPc meets monthly. Subgroups of the council meet more frequently as necessary.
- Decisions are made by consensus.
- Minutes and agendas are documented and published to the nursing tab of the Intranet which is available to all staff.
- Fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the team members constitutes a quorum for decision making.



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- Issues beyond the scope of this council will be referred to the Patient Services Executive Board.