



# A Comparison of Regulatory and Community Standards for Nurses

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## Overall Purpose

- To develop an understanding of the preparedness of professional nurses to shift their practice from the hospital to the community setting.

## Project Objectives

- To review existing standards of practice frameworks.
- To compare all Canadian provincial nursing standards and the Canadian community health nursing (CHN) standards of practice.

## Methods

- Literature review.
- Descriptive method.

## Limitations

- Lack of standardized definition of terms (e.g., knowledge application).
- Select standards were used for content comparison.

## Accomplishments of Study to Date

- Provincial standards of practice have been coded and compared to one Canadian CHN standard of practice.

## Analysis

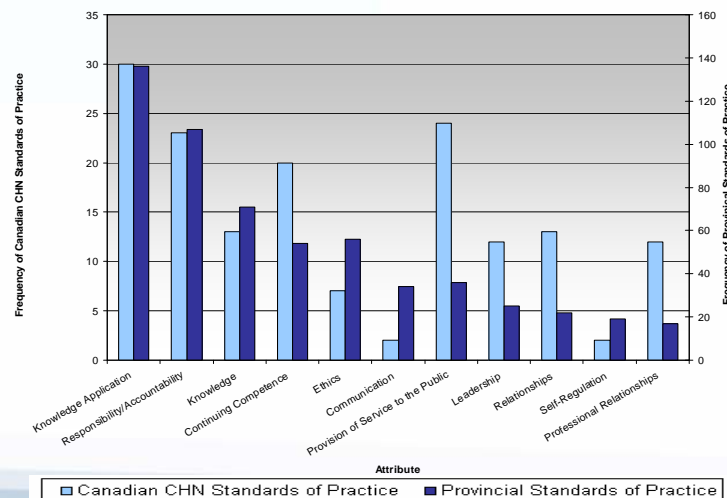
- NVivo software used to organize and analyze qualitative data through identification of consistent attributes.

## Student's Role

- To complete a literature review on all provincial nursing standards of practice.
- To compare attributes in the provincial and Canadian CHN standards of practice.

## Results

Figure 1. Attribute Emphasis in Provincial Standards of Practice and Canadian CHN Health Promotion Standard of Practice



## Discussion

- Knowledge application has greatest emphasis in both the provincial nursing standards and the Canadian CHN standards of practice.
- Responsibility and accountability is strongly emphasized.
- Self-regulation is given little emphasis.
- There are 18 attributes in the Canadian CHN standards of practice that are not included in the provincial standards of practice. Some examples are: community resources; health maintenance, restoration, and palliation; determinants of health; media advocacy strategies; and risk factors.

## Conclusions

- Unique attributes are found in the Canadian CHN standards of practice that are not shared in any provincial standards of practice.

## Future Study

- Further content analysis is to be carried out to complete the comparison.