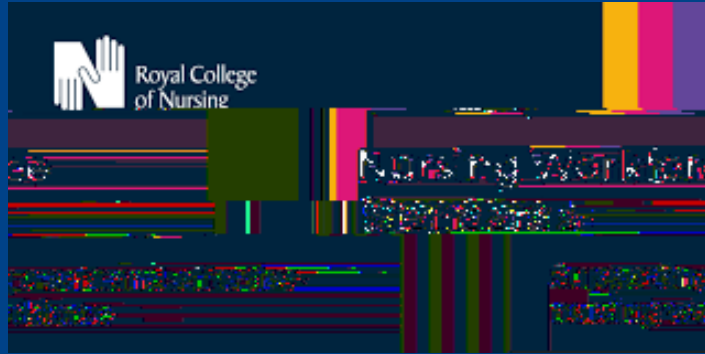




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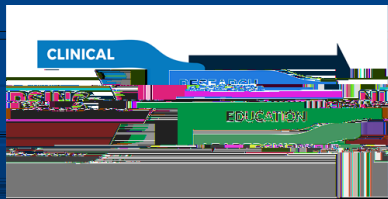
Definition of Nursing (expanded version)

Registered nurses are professionals who are trained to provide care and support to people who are unwell, injured, frail, elderly, or at risk of harm. They work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, community, and primary care. They are responsible for assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating care for individuals and groups. They also provide education, advice, and support to patients, families, and the public. They work in partnership with other health professionals to ensure the best possible outcomes for their patients. They are also involved in research and development to improve the quality of nursing practice.

Registered nurses provide specialised and complex interventions. Their vigilance is critical to the safety of patients. The work of registered nurses consists of making

Footnote

The text in this slide is a simplified version of the definition of nursing provided in the RCN's 'What is Nursing?' document. For more information, please visit www.rcn.org.uk.



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The screenshot shows a website header with a navigation bar. The navigation bar has two tabs: 'Research' and 'Clinical'. Below the navigation bar, there are two columns of text. The left column starts with 'The research pillar includes the knowledge, skills, and...' and the right column starts with 'The clinical pillar includes the knowledge, skills, and...'. The text is partially obscured by a large black redaction box.

Enhanced Level



Enhanced level nursing describes a level that can only be delivered by registered nurses who have gained additional **post-registration education and experiential learning** in a relevant subject area.

This level can be applied to the **full range** of registered nurse careers. The enhanced level is differentiated from other levels by a registered nurse's expertise in applying specific knowledge and skills to a designated area. For example, this could be a client group, skill set or in an organisational context.

Registered nurses working at an enhanced level are expected to be able to **manage discrete activities in complex, challenging and changing situations and environments**. They should also be confident to seek further guidance when they reach the boundaries of their competence.

This level is underpinned by **a broad foundation of skills and capabilities across all four pillars of nursing**: clinical practice, education, research and leadership. These, together with critical reflection, enable a nurse working at the enhanced level to function to a **high level of autonomy within their designated area and role**.

[Enhanced | Levels of nursing | Royal College of Nursing \(rcn.org.uk\)](https://www.rcn.org.uk/enhanced-levels-of-nursing)

Advanced Level



Consultant Level



Consultant level nursing practice describes a level which can only be delivered by registered nurses who have progressed *from an advanced level within their field to reach a significantly higher level.*

All consultant level registered nurses will demonstrate *Level 8 (Scottish equivalent Level 12) doctoral level capabilities to act within highly abstract and complex contexts.*

The concept of consultant level nursing can be applied to the *full range* of registered nurses' careers and not particular roles or specific organisational contexts. It is differentiated from other levels by:

How will you use the Professional Framework?



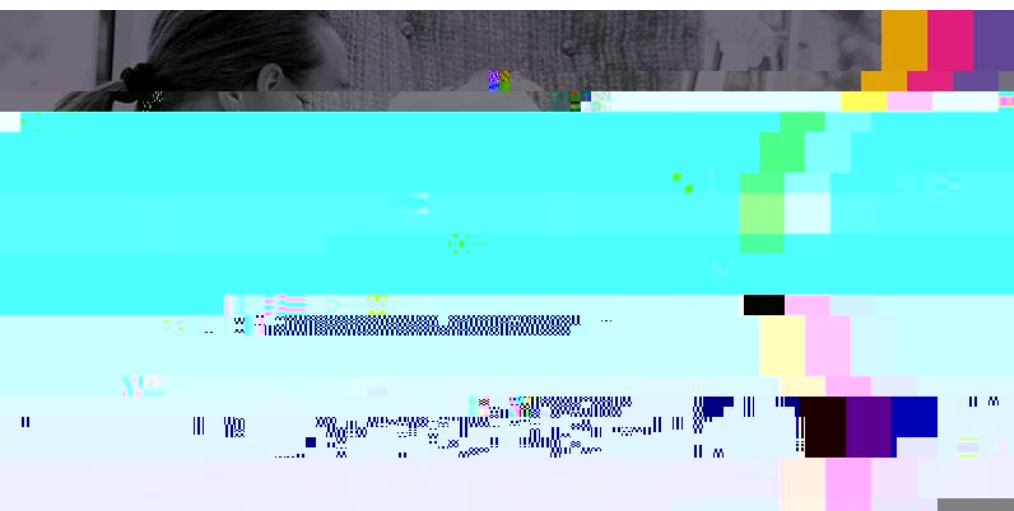
In clinical practice?

In activist work?

In practice development and education?

In management and leadership?

In research?



Thank you & any questions
