

## MSNCB Board Endorses Statement on Continuing Competence for Nursing: A Call to Action <sup>[1]</sup>

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At the October board meeting held in Salt Lake City, UT, the board of directors of the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB) approved the endorsement of the Statement on Continuing Competence for Nursing: A Call to Action. The endorsement of this statement was requested by the American Board of Nursing Specialties, of which MSNCB is a member. This statement was developed by the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCPHN). Acceptance of the following definitions by the members of ABNS ensures universally accepted definitions.

Competence is:

- A professional and ethical obligation to safe practice
- A commitment made to the individual, the profession, and to consumers
- A responsibility shared among the profession, regulatory bodies, certification organizations/workplaces, and individual nurses.
  - Healthcare organizations/workplaces accept responsibility for measuring, documenting, and supporting competency, and for addressing any deficiencies in staff members; competency
- Evolutionary, in that it builds upon previous competence and integrates new evidence
- Dynamic, fluid, and impacted by many factors as the individual enters new roles and situations

Continuing competence is

- The ongoing commitment of a registered nurse to integrate and apply the knowledge, skills, and judgment with the attitudes, values, and beliefs required to practice safely, effectively, and ethically in a designated role and setting.

For more information, download the [ABNS Statement on Continuing Competence for Nursing](#)  <sup>[2]</sup>

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