

## OVERVIEW

The scope of practice is the full spectrum of functions, responsibilities, roles, activities, and decision-making capacity that nurses and midwives are educated for, competent in and authorised to perform. It defines the level of autonomy of the nursing and midwifery profession and stand as a framework upon which performance and practice standards, job description, policies and procedures, and educational curricula must be prepared and developed. For the nurses and midwives practicing in Saudi Arabia this document is set to outline and define competencies for best practice in general practice settings.

The Nursing and Midwifery Professional Council (NMPC), under the umbrella of the Saudi Commissions For Health Specialities (SCFHS), led the initiative to form the standards of scope of practice for registered nurses and midwives in Saudi Arabia. The process to establish this document went through several stages , from reviewing the latest evidence related to nursing and midwifery competence of practice to utilizing a benchmark of international scope of practice documents from reputable organizations in different countries. The review was followed up by the collection of stakeholders' opinions of in a national workshop with representative from the profession. The resulted domains were established with detailed prescription of related standards to guide professionals of requirements related to their practice. Therefore, Nursing and Midwifery Professional Council is delighted to release the Scope of Practice for Nurses and Midwives in Saudi Arabia to benefit all practicing professionals in their field of practice, the healthcare organizations, the healthcare team, and the community for whom nurses and midwives are providing care.

This document contains information about the requirements and scope of practice for the below mentioned categories:

- Nurse Technician
- Nurse Specialist
- Midwife Technician
- Midwife Specialist

The scope of practice for nurses and midwives acknowledge the potential of extending the practice to support quality patient outcome and enhanced healthcare services.

This document is also considered as a foundation scope of practice work for nurses and midwives seeking to advance their role and build an extended advanced scope of practice for their profession.

The professional self-development domain in the scope of practice directs nurses and midwives to the importance on expanding their practice through continues professional development and taking actions into evaluating their own practice. The expanded scope of practice for nurses and midwives is entitled with the advanced practice roles to integrates the interpretation and application of advanced nursing or midwifery theory and research, high level of decision-making and autonomy in practice that is consistent with advanced level of education and clinical experience is yet to be established.