

Registered health professional—principal area of practice, nursing code NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Area of practice - nursing
METEOR identifier:	377983
Registration status:	Health , Standard 10/12/2009
Definition:	The area of nursing practice in which a nurse spent the most hours in their main job in the week prior to registration, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Registered health professional—principal area of practice
Value Domain:	Area of nursing practice code NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NN
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	01	Aged care
	02	Child and family health
	03	Community health
	04	Critical care and emergency
	05	Education
	06	Management
	07	Medical
	08	General practice/Medical practice
	09	Mental health
	10	Midwifery
	11	Paediatrics
	12	Peri-operative
	13	Rehabilitation and disability
	14	Research
	15	Surgical
	16	Other
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 01 AGED CARE
	Nursing care to the elderly in community settings, residential aged care facilities,

retirement villages and health care facilities.

CODE 02 CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH

Nursing care to children from birth to school age and their families with an emphasis on the prevention, early detection of, and early intervention in, physical, emotional and social problems affecting children and their families such as assistance with parentcraft, immunisation and developmental milestones.

CODE 03 COMMUNITY HEALTH

Nursing care, health counselling, screening and education to individuals, families and groups in the wider community with a focus on patient independence and health promotion.

CODE 04 CRITICAL CARE AND EMERGENCY

Provides nursing care to critically ill patients and patients with unstable health following injury, surgery or during the acute phase of diseases, integrating new technological equipment into care in settings such as high dependency units, intensive care units, emergency departments or retrieval services.

CODE 05 EDUCATION

Design, planning, implementation, evaluation and delivery of nursing education and staff development programs, and management of educational resources.

CODE 06 MANAGEMENT

Management of a health service unit or sub-unit of a hospital, aged care or community health care facility, supervision of nursing staff and financial resources to enable the provision of safe, cost effective nursing care within a specified field or for a particular unit, and monitoring of quality, clinical standards and professional development of nurses.

CODE 07 MEDICAL

Nursing care to patients with conditions, such as infections, metabolic disorders and degenerative conditions, which require medical intervention in a range of health, aged care and community settings.

CODE 08 GENERAL PRACTICE/MEDICAL PRACTICE

Clinical care to patients, clinical organisation and practice administration, and the facilitation of communication within a general practice environment and between the practice and outside organisations and individuals.

CODE 09 MENTAL HEALTH

Nursing care to patients with mental health illness, disorder and dysfunction, and those experiencing emotional difficulties, distress and crisis in health, welfare and aged care facilities, correctional services and the community.

CODE 10 MIDWIFERY

Nursing care and advice to women during pregnancy, labour and childbirth, and postnatal care for women and babies in a range of settings such as the home, community, hospitals, clinics and health units.

CODE 11 PAEDIATRICS

Providing nursing care and advice regarding internal diseases and disorders in children from birth up to, and including, adolescence.

CODE 12 PERI-OPERATIVE

Nursing care to patients before, during and immediately after surgery, assessment of patients' condition, planning of nursing care for surgical intervention, maintenance of a safe and comfortable environment, assistance to Surgeons and Anaesthetists during surgery, and monitoring of patients' recovery from anaesthetic, prior to return to, or discharge from, ward.

CODE 13 REHABILITATION AND DISABILITY

Nursing care to patients recovering from injury and illness, and assistance and facilitation for patients with disabilities to live more independently.

CODE 14 RESEARCH

The design, conduct and evaluation of nursing and interdisciplinary research projects, and promotion of the implementation of research findings into clinical nursing practice.

CODE 15 SURGICAL

Nursing care to patients with injuries and illness that require surgical intervention.

CODE 16 OTHER

All other areas of nursing practice not covered above.

Registered health professionals on leave at the time of registration are asked to report their usual principle area of practice worked.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: These definitions are based on occupational definitions as described in the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, First Edition (ABS cat. no. 1220.0)

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Health professional—area of clinical practice \(principal\), code ANN Health](#), Superseded 10/12/2009

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Main job of registered nursing professional cluster Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009
[Second job of registered nursing professional cluster Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009