

إدارة التسجيل

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Healthcare Practitioners in the state of Qatar (Governmental & Private sector)• All Healthcare Facilities focal points in the state of Qatar (Governmental & Private sector)
Subject	Adding a new scope of practice (nurse practitioner) to the nursing profession list with its registration/ licensing requirements
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“Registration department in Qatar Council for Healthcare practitioners presents to you its compliments”

In alignment with nursing profession development in the modern era, expansion of nursing specialties locally and internationally, and based upon the decision of QCHP board at its meeting number 4 held on 16/12/2014, a new scope of practice (nurse practitioner) with its registration/ licensing requirements have been added to the nursing profession list. (Attached to the circular)

Thank you for your cooperation

Regards,

Registration team

ATTACHMENT: "Scope of Practice and Registration & Licensing requirements"

Scope of practice	Scope of Practice Definition	Registration / licensing requirements
<p>Nurse Practitioner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse Practitioners (NP) are expert nurses who work within a specific area of practice incorporating advanced knowledge and skills. They are educationally prepared at a master’s level and practice both independently and in collaboration with other health care professionals to promote health, prevent disease and to diagnose, assess, and manage people’s health needs. They provide a wide range of assessment and treatment interventions, including differential diagnoses, ordering, conducting and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests and administering therapies for the management of potential or actual health needs. They work in partnership with individuals, families and communities across a range of settings. NPs may prescribe medicines within their specific area of practice. NPs also demonstrate leadership as consultants, patient advocates, educators, managers and researchers and actively participate in professional activities, and in local and national policy development. NPs may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess, diagnose, treat, evaluate and manage or refer acute and chronic illness and disease (e.g. diabetes, high blood pressure). • Obtain medical histories and conduct physical examinations. • Order, perform, and interpret diagnostic studies (e.g., routine lab tests, bone x-rays, EKGs). • Prescribe physical therapy and other rehabilitation treatments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet all the requirements as a General Scope Nurse Scope of Practice, (a waiver of the examination requirements may be granted upon presentation of proof of current certification by a recognized Advanced Practice Nurse certifying body approved by the QCHP) <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of a clinically focused Masters Degree or doctoral program approved by the QCHP, or equivalent qualification. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of four years of experience in a specific area of practice.

Scope of practice	Scope of Practice Definition	Registration / licensing requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribe pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatments and therapies for acute and chronic illness (extent of prescriptive authority varies by state regulations). • Provide prenatal care and family planning services. • Provide well-child care, including screening and immunizations. • Provide primary and specialty care services, health-maintenance care for adults, including annual physicals. • Provide care for patients in acute and critical care settings. • Counsel and educate patients on health behaviors, self-care skills, and treatment options. Two of the greatest responsibilities of the NP are as a patient advocate and to refer the patient when necessary. 	

Please note:

1. Nursing is a clinically based field discipline -online and distance learning program will not be accepted.
2. All other registration requirements must be fulfilled.