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<b>5.17.1 NURSING PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COUNCIL POLICY</b>	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **I. POLICY**

The Nursing Professional Practice Council is a headquarters committee that evaluates nursing care provided in California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institutions based on standards of clinical nursing practice established by regulatory agencies, accrediting bodies, and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) health care policies and procedures.

### **II. PURPOSE**

To ensure nurses are delivering appropriate, quality nursing care to patients within CDCR institutions.

### **III. APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all Registered Nurses, Licensed Vocational Nurses, Psychiatric Technicians, Certified Nursing Assistants, and Medical Assistants working for CCHCS and within CDCR institutions.

### **IV. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Statewide Chief Nurse Executive or designee has the overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy.

### **V. REFERENCES**

- California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 5, Article 3, Sections 2069-2071,
- California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 6, Sections 2700-2838.4
- California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 6.5, Sections 2840-2895.5
- California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 10, Sections 4500-4548
- California Health and Safety Code, Division 2, Chapter 2, Article 9, Sections 1337-1338.5
- California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 13, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1366-1366.4
- American Nurses Association; Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, 2010, <http://nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ThePracticeofProfessionalNursing/NursingStandards>
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 5, Chapter 18, Nursing Medication Error Reporting Policy
- Mental Health Services Delivery System, Program Guide, 2009 Revision