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# UK Professional Framework: This is Nursing

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## Definition of Nursing (expanded version)

...high quality, person-centred care and treatment to meet the needs of patients, families and communities. Registered nurses are responsible for the care and treatment of patients, including those with complex and high-level needs. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with mental health problems, including those with severe mental illness. They work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with long-term conditions, including those with chronic disease. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with acute conditions, including those with acute disease. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with end-of-life care, including those with terminal illness. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with palliative care, including those with terminal illness. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with mental health problems, including those with severe mental illness. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with long-term conditions, including those with chronic disease. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with acute conditions, including those with acute disease. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with end-of-life care, including those with terminal illness. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings. Registered nurses are also responsible for the care and treatment of patients with palliative care, including those with terminal illness. They provide a range of services, including the care of patients in hospital, community, and primary care settings.

Footnote

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The screenshot shows a website header with a navigation menu. The menu items are: Home, About Us, Research, Clinical, and Contact Us. Below the menu, there are two main content areas. The left area is titled 'Research' and contains the text: 'The research pillar includes the knowledge, skills, and...'. The right area is titled 'Clinical' and contains the text: 'The clinical pillar includes the knowledge, skills, and...'. The background of the header is dark blue.



# Enhanced Level



Enhanced level nursing describes a level that can only be delivered by registered nurses who have gained additional **post-registration education and experiential learning** in a relevant subject area.

This level can be applied to the **full range** of registered nurse careers. The enhanced level is differentiated from other levels by a registered nurse's expertise in applying specific knowledge and skills to a designated area. For example, this could be a client group, skill set or in an organisational context.

Registered nurses working at an enhanced level are expected to be able to **manage discrete activities in complex, challenging and changing situations and environments**. They should also be confident to seek further guidance when they reach the boundaries of their competence.

This level is underpinned by **a broad foundation of skills and capabilities across all four pillars of nursing**: clinical practice, education, research and leadership. These, together with critical reflection, enable a nurse working at the enhanced level to function to a **high level of autonomy within their designated area and role**.

[Enhanced | Levels of nursing | Royal College of Nursing \(rcn.org.uk\)](https://www.rcn.org.uk/enhanced-levels-of-nursing)

# Advanced Level





# Consultant Level



Consultant level nursing practice describes a level which can only be delivered by registered nurses who have progressed *from an advanced level within their field to reach a significantly higher level.*

All consultant level registered nurses will demonstrate *Level 8 (Scottish equivalent Level 12) doctoral level capabilities to act within highly abstract and complex contexts.*

The concept of consultant level nursing can be applied to the *full range* of registered nurses' careers and not particular roles or specific organisational contexts. It is differentiated from other levels by:

# How will you use the Professional Framework?



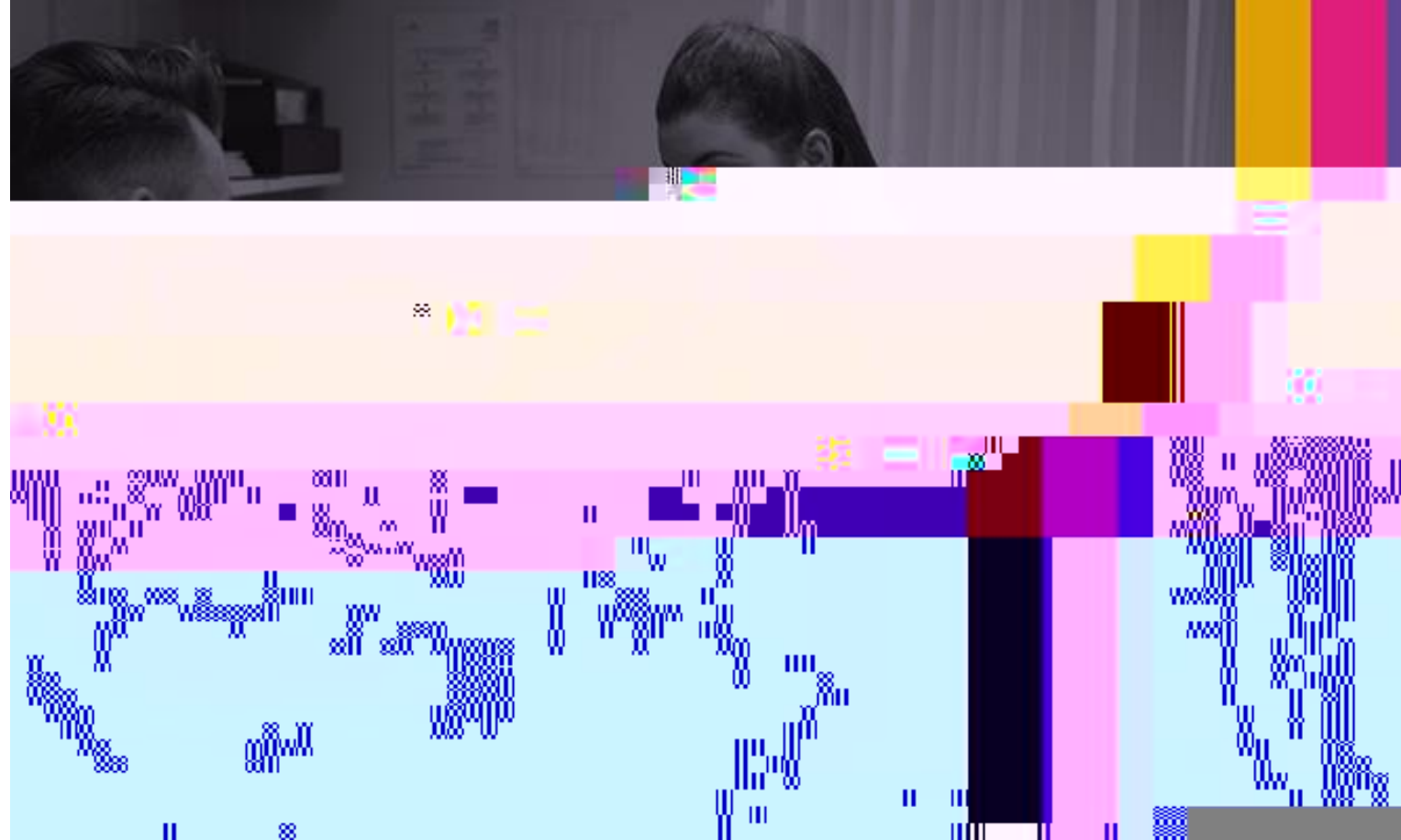
In clinical practice?

In activist work?

In practice development and education?

In management and leadership?

In research?



Thank you & any questions

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