



## What is a Nursing Professional Practice Model? Why is it important?

A narrative cannot duplicate the understanding of an image. Professional Practice Models provide a visual representation of nursing's contribution in an organization. The model includes values and goals that define the professional nursing identity. The model captures the professional elements and relationships that define the complex role of the nurse.

### The UVA Professional Practice Model:

Serving as the anchor for the model is our quality star. Encircling the star are words that represent our care delivery system, Relationship-based Care. This system identifies the three relationships at the core of the patient experience: the nurses' relationship to self, to colleagues and to patients and families.

Our model was developed by front line nurses using concepts from the UVA Nursing Vision Statement:

*As **Empowered Leaders**, nurses participate in decision making. Every nurse is a leader.*

*Delivery of **Expert Caring** is at the root of every nurse's passion for our craft.*

***Innovation** is demonstrated through research, problem solving and collaboration.*

*As **Lifelong Learners**, UVA nurses value education, certification and learning.*

***Quality Achievement** is our commitment to excellence and continued growth.*

These elements partner perfectly with the organizational goals; Caring, Engaging, Building and Serving and the organizational values represented in ASPIRE.