

**Portfolio Content Outline**  
**Effective Date: March 26, 2014**

Advanced Public Health Nursing  
Certification Through Portfolio

Certification through portfolio is designed to objectively assess specialized knowledge, understanding, and application of professional nursing practice and theory through the review of a collective body of work present in a nurse's portfolio.

Four domains have been established, along with performance evaluation requirements, as the framework for the portfolio. Each nurse's portfolio should demonstrate how his or her practice within the specialty area encompasses each of the four domains and completes the required evaluation materials.

Domain	Percentage
I. Professional Development	7.50%
II. Professional and Ethical Nursing Practice	48.75%
III. Teamwork and Collaboration	22.50%
IV. Quality and Safety	11.25%
Supervisor/Peer-Evaluation	5.00%
Self-Evaluation	5.00%



Note the core functions of public health are assessment, policy development and assurance.

## **I. Professional Development**

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record and/or resume of:

- participating in activities that support personal development, leadership, and career advancement in advanced public health nursing (e.g., holding offices or serving on a board in professional organizations or community groups, presentations, mentoring, precepting, publishing, professional service, promotion, career advancement)

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record of:

- participating in continuing education and academic pursuits related to advanced public health nursing

## **II. Professional and Ethical Nursing Practice**

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- applying an ecological perspective as a framework for understanding the health of populations. This includes environmental, social, biological, and behavioral determinants of health

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the resume, and/or exemplar of:

- providing culturally responsive and developmentally appropriate care to communities and populations throughout the nursing process.
- partnering with communities, health professionals, and other stakeholders to address issues of health equity

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the exemplar of:

- integrating systems thinking into public health practice

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the resume and/or exemplar of:

- engaging populations and communities in all the core functions of public health.

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- synthesizing and using comprehensive multi-source, valid, and reliable data to support the core functions of public health
- applying epidemiology principles (e.g., surveillance, investigation) to meet core public health functions.
- employing the public health process by:
  - conducting and/or using systematic community needs assessments to derive population diagnoses and priorities
  - identifying relevant, achievable, and measurable, population-level outcomes in collaboration with stakeholders
  - planning evidence-based, theory-driven population-level interventions and/or program plans.
  - developing, analyzing and/or leveraging policy to address public health issues
  - designing and/or conducting comprehensive evaluations of public health services

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- seeking feedback from colleagues and peers and engages in self-reflection to determine strengths and opportunities for improvement related to advanced public health nursing

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in resume and/or exemplar of:

- advocating for public health policies, programs, and resources that better serve populations.

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in professional development record, resume and/or exemplar of:

- incorporating ethical standards of practice (e.g., client confidentiality, human subject protection, risk-benefit analysis) in interactions with organizations, communities, and individuals.

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- applying professional standards and legal principles to the advanced public health nursing practice setting, while ensuring compliance with public health laws and regulations

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- securing and efficiently managing resources to meet public health needs

### **III. Teamwork and Collaboration**

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- providing leadership in coordinating care and works effectively in teams, using and encouraging others to use resources and informatics effectively, and evaluating innovative care options
- mentoring, advising, coaching, and developing peers, employees, students, and/or other members of the public health workforce.

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- promoting the role of public health and public health nursing in the health of the nation

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the exemplar of:

- applying critical thinking and open, interpersonal communication skills to work processes and complex interactions

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the resume and/or exemplar of:

- taking a leadership role in response to a potential or actual emergency or sentinel event that necessitates a public health response

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- communicating through writing, publications, presentations, and participation in professional teams and community groups.

#### **IV. Quality and Safety**

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- promoting and participating in public health processes that are research based, quality improvement oriented, and evidenced based

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- using the results of quality improvement or existing evidence to change policies, programs, or services

The Advanced Public Health Nurse is to provide evidence in the professional development record, resume, and/or exemplar of:

- ensuring the provision of population-centered care in an environment that focuses on safety for the provider and client, reduces the risk of errors, and supports a culture of enhancing safe practice (e.g., analyzing factors related to safety, mitigating risk, adapting program delivery )