

BSN Competency: Research and Evidenced-Based/Spirit of Inquiry
Nebraska Action Coalition-Education Subcommittee

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Definition The nurse demonstrates *spirit of inquiry* through a persistent sense of curiosity which extends the possibilities of discovering novel solutions to guide quality care. The nurse is an evolving scholar who contributes to the practice of nursing science by providing questions that examine the basis of nursing actions, considering research, evidence, tradition, and patient preferences, and focusing on quality improvement outcomes. The nurse uses evidence-based practice/research to identify, evaluate, and use the best current evidence/research coupled with clinical expertise and consideration of patient's preferences, experience and values to make practice decisions. (MASS 2010-QSEN, 2007).

Competency Behaviors

1. Appraises research for validity and applicability to patient health care across settings.
2. Embraces the need for continuous improvement in clinical practice based on new knowledge.
3. Evaluates the strength and relevance of evidence when choosing clinical interventions.
4. Uses the spirit of inquiry to question the rationale of routine approaches to care and identify gaps/problems in healthcare (HC) delivery systems.
5. Participates in data collection and other research activities.
6. Integrates best current evidence into micro-system practices in collaboration with other healthcare team members.
7. Participates in the integration of new evidence into standards of practice, policies, and nursing practice guidelines.
8. Evaluates the outcome of a change in clinical practice.