

Pediatric Nursing Certification Board Certificant Code of Ethics

Introduction

To support excellence in nursing practice, the PNCB assumes that every nurse certified by this organization will uphold and adhere to the following ethical pledge:

PNCB certified nurses will:

1. Hold a current, valid, unrestricted and unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse.
2. Maintain the patient's right to privacy and confidentiality.
3. Refrain from direct or indirect participation in deceptive, illegal or unethical activities.
4. Contribute to the safety and protection of patients by reporting incompetent, unethical or illegal health care practice.
5. Provide care in accordance with professional scope and standards of practice and compliant with state licensure requirements including but not limited to:
 - a. Consistently updating specialty skills and knowledge to maintain competency.
 - b. Treating all patients with respect and compassion by providing quality care regardless of the patient's religion, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, social and/or economic status.
 - c. Promoting and maintaining a safe environment by ensuring the provision of competent care that embraces the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of patients in a multicultural, global society

PNCB may revoke the certification of any nurse who commits an ethical violation and may send notification to the nurse's employer and state board of nursing, where appropriate. Ethical violations may include but are not limited to the following:

- failure to maintain a current, active, unrestricted or unencumbered RN license
- falsification of any information provided to the PNCB
- misrepresentation of certification status
- participation in illegal practice

If a PNCB certified nurse's certification is revoked because of ethical violations, and the nurse desires to become certified again by PNCB, the nurse may contact the PNCB to determine future certification eligibility.

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