**Maternal Child Nursing**

This category recognizes a nurse working in prenatal care, high-risk maternal-fetal care, intrapartum care, postpartum care, newborn care, newborn special care and newborn intensive care.

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| **Maternal Child Nursing** | | **Score** |
| Criterion #1:  **Leadership:**   * Model professional behaviors and motivates excellence in others, encouraging opportunities for growth, change, and development. * Inspires confidence and celebrates the success of others above one’s success while demonstrating emotional intelligence. * Utilizes a multidisciplinary approach, leads, and champions change, quality improvement, and implements evidence-based practice by tailoring care to meet the specific needs of mothers, children, and newborns of varying ages and developmental stages to promote optimal well-being. * Visionary and passionate regarding health promotion of mothers, children, and newborns. Provides holistic care to mothers, children and their families that is based on a mutual understanding of their developmental, physical, psychological, sociocultural, emotional, and spiritual dimensions to optimize wellness. * Advocates for optimal care of mothers, children, and newborns through leadership efforts, which translate to system change. | | 0 |
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| Criterion #2:  **Advocacy:**   * Acts or speaks on behalf of and in support of mothers, children, and their families. * Contributes to promoting mother’s, children’s, or newborn’s health at the local, state, or federal political arenas. * Contributes to promoting the profession of nursing by advancing research/EBP in care for mother, children, and newborns. * Enhances colleague’s ability to influence health policy through mentoring and educational activities. * Takes action to be intentionally inclusive of the unique characteristics of all humans, actively promoting individualized care and the appropriate allocation of resources to promote health equity for all mothers, children, newborns, and their families. | | 0 |
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| Criterion #3:  **Communication and Collaboration**   * Collaborates with interprofessional colleagues, mothers, families, children, newborns, and caregivers to achieve positive health outcomes. * Models a shared partnership between the mother, child, newborn, family, and health care team to provide care and education driven by the preferences, values and needs of the client, and their families to achieve mutually agreed upon goals. * Discusses, agrees, and reviews an action plan to achieve mutually agreed upon goals of most relevance and concern to mother, children, newborn, and their families to achieve optimal health. * Provides family centered care by valuing the family as a crucial member of the healthcare team. * Addresses sensitive topics with compassion and empathy. | | 0 |
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| Criterion #4:  **Ethical Practice:**   * Able to navigate ethical dilemmas by utilizing the codes of ethical practice while being accountable for clinical decisions. * Serves as a leader for interprofessional ethical collaboration. * Practices with integrity while ensuring that the care provided is consistent with the needs and values of mothers, children, newborns, and their families. * Adheres to standards of practice and integrates evidence-based practice to enhance patient outcomes. * Consistently demonstrates core values that include the application of principles of excellence, caring, ethics, justice, respect, and communication for mothers, children, newborns, and their families. | | 0 |
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| Criterion #5:  **Professionalism:**   * Maintains continuous professional engagement and life-long learning to advance self-confidence, self-awareness, self-care, and maternal child and/or pediatric nursing competence through education, practice, and reflection. * Welcomes controversy and challenges to reset the standard to enhance patient outcomes. * Disseminates evidence-based findings as demonstrated by project description, publication, poster, or podium presentations. * Alleviates discomfort utilizing evidence-based standards of care for mother; children or newborns using distraction techniques such as play therapy, nonpharmacological interventions, and pain medication, as appropriate. * Using a holistic approach provides comprehensive care for mothers, children, and newborns addressing their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs beyond their medical condition. | | 0 |
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| Final Score Out of 25 | |  |
| **Points** | **Exemplars** | |
|  | **Maternal Child Category please go through and score each section and follow the rubric below for scoring.** | |
| 0 | Nomination provided no information on this criterion | |
| 1 | Nomination describes at least one of these behaviors. | |
| 2 | Nomination describes at least two of these behaviors. | |
| 3 | Nomination describes at least three of these behaviors | |
| 4 | Nomination describes at least four of these behaviors | |
| 5 | Nomination describes at least five of these behaviors | |

For NH Magazine demonstrations:

Nominator must demonstrate how nominee meets each criteria, providing specific examples.