

Vanderbilt University Medical Center Nursing

Care Delivery Model/System(s)

- Care delivery is an interdisciplinary collaborative approach with nurses as integral members of the interdisciplinary health care team.
- Specific care delivery system for nursing (in collaboration with the interdisciplinary care delivery system) is demonstrated by the uniqueness of each patient served.
- Standards are driven from the Scopes of Service for each area where patient care is delivered and specific care team roles which practice in collaboration.
- Scopes of Service and staffing models are defined by the patient population/mix, staff mix and the care standards defined by the specific professional organizations regulatory agencies and governing bodies.

Role of the Nurse

- Registered nurses practice autonomously and are responsible for the coordination and delivery of patient care and patient assignments within the scope of practice as defined by the TN Nurse Practice Act, Vanderbilt policies and procedures and the Vanderbilt Nursing Professional Practice Program (RN 1- 4) and the Scope of Service.
- RNs provide oversight for licensed practical nurses and unlicensed assistive personnel and that delegation is defined by the TN Nurse Practice Act and Vanderbilt role descriptions.
- Nurses are accountable for the implementation of care delivery models/systems through the Shared Governance council structures which drive quality, patient safety, and patient satisfaction.
- Nurses practice and develop professionally under our modified version of the novice to expert model that was adopted by Vanderbilt in late 1999 as our Vanderbilt Professional Nursing Practice Program (VPNPP).

