



## **Pediatric Nursing Certification Board Candidate and Certificant Code of Ethics**

### **Introduction**

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

### **PNCB certified nurses and candidates will:**

1. Will be responsible and accountable to positively and respectfully contribute to the dignity and integrity of the profession, and to upholding the core [values](#) and standards of the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.
2. Hold a current, valid, unrestricted and unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse.
3. Maintain the patient's right to privacy and confidentiality.
4. Refrain from direct or indirect participation in deceptive, illegal, or unethical activities.
5. Report critical incidents, adverse events, and medical errors in accordance with law, accreditation standards, and institutional policy to promote a culture of safety, maintain the integrity of the profession, and advance the profession and its body of knowledge.
6. Contribute to the safety and protection of patients by reporting incompetent, unethical, or illegal health care practice.
7. 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 ethnicity or race, religion, disability, age, gender identity, 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(s) 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
- acting dishonestly or unfairly to personally gain advantage or provide advantage to another during the examination or recertification process