

# CODES OF CONDUCT FOR NURSING STUDENTS: BIOETHICAL COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN SPAIN

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## BACKGROUND

As a profession, Nursing has its own code of ethics and codes of conduct which establish personal and professional behavior expected on Nursing professionals and students to be competent in their practice, learning and development. The Nursing and Midwifery Council has a Code of Professional Conduct for students of Nursing and Midwife. Considering that the diversity of values is a fact in the university community, it is necessary to explore the validity and meaning to implement Codes of Professional Conduct for Nursing students in the teaching and learning process.

The objective of this study is to identify and assess codes of conduct aimed at Nursing students to understand the commitment to Bioethics training of higher education in Spain.

## METHODS

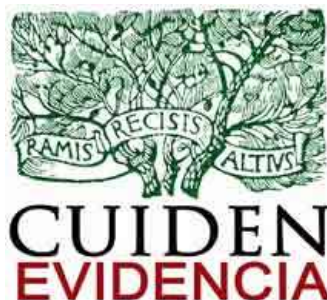
A literature review was conducted. Main elements of ethical codes and the dimensions of the attitudinal assessment template for Nursing students in clinical practice with the code of conduct of the English Council were compared.

## Guidance on professional conduct for nursing and midwifery students

### The four core principles of the code

Your conduct as a nursing or midwifery student is based on the four core principles we've set out in the code:

- Make the care of people your first concern, treating them as individuals and respecting their dignity.
- Work with others to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of those in your care, their families and carers, and the wider community.
- Provide a high standard of practice and care at all times.
- Be open and honest, act with integrity and uphold the reputation of your profession.



DATABASE	KEYWORDS	NUMBER OF FOUND ARTICLES	SELECTION & INCLUSION CRITERIA / LANGUAGE	NUMBER OF SELECTED ARTICLES
PUBMED	Code of ethics + students, Nursing	33	CIE + CSE	None
SCOPUS		33	ENGLISH	None
JRACS	Ética + estudiantes + estudiantes de enfermería	52	CSE + CSE + CSE + CSE	None
ERIC	Ética + estudiantes de enfermería	8	SPANISH	None
CUIDEN		257	CSE + CSE + CSE	Three
ETICA DE LOS CIUDADANOS	Estudiantes de enfermería	6	CSE + CSE	Two

## RESULTS

The literature review brings two articles in Spanish language and according to the selection criteria. The journal "Etica de los cuidados" -indexed in "Cuiden" database- collects these studies reporting that both professionals and students know the Spanish Code of Ethics for Nursing and there is a need to establish a new teaching and learning framework in Bioethics; however, no specific articles provide knowledge about codes of conduct for Nursing students in Spain.

## CONCLUSION

In general, the standards of conduct for students of the Nursing and Midwifery Council are already implicit in the ethical rules, rights and duties of the Spanish code of professional ethics. So it is still necessary to consider the Code of Conduct of the Spanish Nursing Council and the White Paper of the Nursing Degree to understand the commitment to Bioethics training on Nursing.

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