



**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY NURSING ASSOCIATION  
PRACTICE COMMITTEE  
TERMS OF REFERENCE 2026-2027 (2-Years)**

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**Committee Duties and Responsibilities (per the IFNA Bylaws)**

- Identify, create and disseminate the best practice family nursing models used internationally.
- Shall have the authority to create subcommittees to maximize committee impact.
- Develop standardized resources covering practice scope, competencies, guidelines, position statements and similar materials that advance family nursing practice at generalist and advanced levels.
- Identify family nursing practice issues that emerge across the world and work with the Board of Directors to determine an appropriate response.
- Shall be in frequent communication with the Board of Directors, or its Board liaison, regarding on-going work of the committee.

**Goals for 2026-2027 (2-years)**

1. Serve as an international platform for family nurses to highlight and improve the practice of family nursing.
2. Advocate for high quality nursing care for families globally by gathering and sharing the best nursing practice.
3. Collaborate with other IFNA Committees to support development and evaluation of family nursing practice and implementation of competency-based family nursing curriculum in various schools and countries.
4. Support the dissemination and implementation of family nursing practice across the world, particularly in countries developing family nursing.

Action Plan

- 1. Lead the evidence-based revision and global dissemination of IFNA Position Statements (PSs) in collaboration with the Education Committee (Goals 1, 2, 3, & 4).**

**A) Phase 1: Scoping Review.**

Publish the results of the Scoping Review analyzing the dissemination and influence of the existing IFNA PSs (Practice and Education) in a peer-reviewed journal. **[Target: January 2026].**

**B) Phase 2: International Document Analysis.**

Development of a manuscript for the International Document Analysis of Generalist Nurse Competencies. This analysis examines if, and to what extent, "family" is included as an integral component of generalist nursing practice across an internationally representative sample. Submit the manuscript to a peer-reviewed international journal. **[Target: February/March 2026].**



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**C) Phase 3: Focus Groups.**

Complete the qualitative analysis of the Focus Groups conducted with IFNA members/FN community regarding their perspectives on the current IFNA PSs (primarily, the Generalist Competencies for Family Nursing Practice). Synthesize these reflections to inform future updates and submit the findings for publication in a peer-reviewed international journal.

**[Target: April - June 2026].**

**D) Position Statements Drafting.**

Develop the updated IFNA PSs (Practice/Education) by synthesizing the evidence gathered in Phases 1, 2, and 3. This process will determine whether the update requires integrated or separate documents for Practice and Education. **[Target: July 2026].**

**E) Expert Review.**

Conduct a purposive expert review and broader IFNA community consultation of the first draft of the updated IFNA PSs (Practice/Education) to ensure content validity and global relevance.

**[Target: September 2026].**

**F) Approval and Publication.**

Finalize the updated IFNA PSs (Practice/Education) and submit them to the IFNA Board of Directors for formal approval and subsequent publication. **[Target: December 2026].**

**G) Translation.**

Following the revision and approval of the updated IFNA PSs (competencies for FN practice), facilitate their translation into **different** language **[Target: 2027].**

**H) Dissemination.**

Disseminate the updated IFNA PSs (competencies for FN practice) to key stakeholders in **both academic and health systems** through webinars and by publishing them in peer-reviewed practice and education journals to ensure the Position Statements are searchable and accessible **[Target: 2027].**

2. Undertake an analysis of the digital stories E-Book related to the completed project (June 2025): *A Global Shift in Family Nursing Practice: Narratives of Pandemic Family Practice Experience*; following IRB approval (Goals 1, 2 and 4). **[Target: December 2026].**
3. Work to encourage participation across the time zones to support the IFNA Practice Committee meeting attendance (Goal 1) **[Target: Ongoing – until 2027].**
4. Explore with the IFNA Communication Committee strategies to disseminate current family nursing best practice (Goals 1 & 4) **[Target: Ongoing – until 2027].**