

# Global perspective: APN – ICN's point of view

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Strategic Intent: to enhance the health of individuals, populations and societies by:

- championing the contribution and image of nurses worldwide
- advocating for nurses at all levels
- advancing the nursing profession
- influencing health, social, economic and education policy.



# Five core values

- Visionary Leadership
- Innovativeness
- Solidarity
- Accountability
- Social Justice



# ICN's 3 Pillars

- Professional practice
- Regulation
- Socio-economic welfare



# Nurse practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse Definition

A Nurse/Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse is a registered nurse who has acquired the expert knowledge base, complex decision-making skills and clinical competencies for expanded practice, the characteristics of which are shaped by the context and or country in which s/he is credentialed to practice. A master's degree is recommended for entry level (ICN Board of Directors, October 2002).



# Role Characteristics of APNs

## ICN's Official Position

### Regulatory mechanisms

- Right to diagnose,
- Authority to prescribe medication,
- Authority to prescribe treatment,
- Authority to refer clients to other professionals,
- Authority to admit patients to hospital,
- Legislation to confer and protect the title “Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse”,
- Officially recognized titles for nurses working in advanced practice roles.



# Why APN's?

- physician shortage
- need to contain costs
- improve access to care
- reduce waiting time
- serve the underprivileged
- maintain health among specific groups





# Challenges facing APN's?

- educational standards
- regulation
- titling
- reimbursement
- prescribing privileges
- clearly identified scope and standards of practice
- and
- lack of understanding of the role.



# Readiness of the profession

- well-developed nursing education at the baccalaureate level
- substantial general-nurse population
  - 1.4 nurses per 10.000 population in Chile and Niger
  - 172.7 nurses per 10.000 population in Norway
  - median is 25.3 nurses per 10.000 population



# ICN's key partners





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