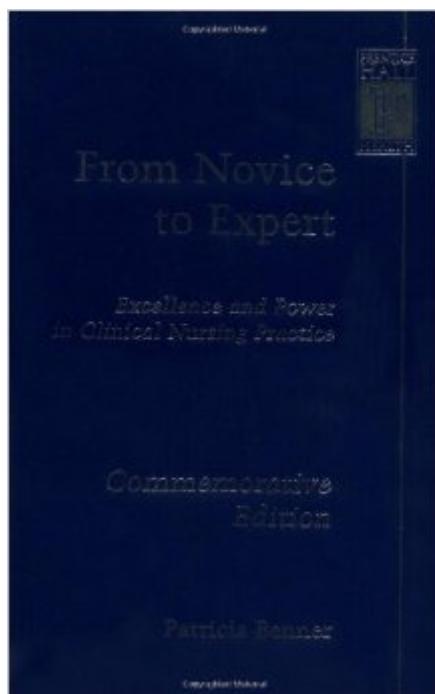


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# From Novice To Expert: Excellence And Power In Clinical Nursing Practice, Commemorative Edition



## **Synopsis**

This coherent presentation of clinical judgement, caring practices and collaborative practice provides ideas and images that readers can draw upon in their interactions with others and in their interpretation of what nurses do. It includes many clear, colorful examples and describes the five stages of skill acquisition, the nature of clinical judgement and experiential learning and the seven major domains of nursing practice. The narrative method captures content and contextual issues that are often missed by formal models of nursing knowledge. The book uncovers the knowledge embedded in clinical nursing practice and provides the Dreyfus model of skill acquisition applied to nursing, an interpretive approach to identifying and describing clinical knowledge, nursing functions, effective management, research and clinical practice, career development and education, plus practical applications. For nurses and healthcare professionals.

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I'm surprised that there are not more reviews of this classic. From Novice to Expert is now THE model used to describe development in nursing and is the basis for probably 99% of all the clinical ladders in existence. Benner deserves our undying gratitude for finding a way to describe what it is that nurses really DO. Her following books based on this one are also excellent. In the late '80s and '90s she used her model to describe critical care nursing, and is now using her model to describe expert nursing practice in long term care. In graduate school, so many of the models I was required to learn had nothing to do with actual nursing practice--because they were created by PhD nurse

educators who had not practiced for years or decades. For her work, Benner went to bedside nurses actually doing nursing, and built her model upon what she discovered there and from them. As a clinical nurse specialist, I use this model everyday when working with other nurses and with patients.

This is an excellent book for nurses to understand nursing. Great book for new nurses to get "a feel" for what nurses do. And for experienced nurses to gain a greater respect and global understanding of what we do.

Bought this book for my wife who is working on her DNP degree. The book is very well written and detailed. Much of the material will be used in the accumulation of sources in her DNP project. Great book and valuable resource.

Every nurse needs this book. It is the Bible for growth in your career. It is instinctual to follow the phases noted in this benchmark work. Give as a gift to every health professional you know, but it can apply to any career path, really. Maslow's Hierarchy of career growth!

Patricia Benner started taking a common-sense approach to nursing research, when everyone else was out there in the clouds. She actually did something no one else was doing at the time- she asked nurses what they thought, and observed real working nurses to describe her learning model. She aptly describes how nurses learn at the bedside, and why they make the decisions they do, based on what stage of learning they're in. I recommend this book for new and experienced nurses, preceptors, and nurse educators. A must-read for anyone in the profession.

I rented this book through text book rentals. The book came quickly and was in very good (although not brand new) condition, which was fine for my needs. The book is easy and easy quick read. This is my last class in Nursing School. I regret not having bought this book years ago. The topic of Benner's theories comes up so many times in nursing school that this is one of those books that it would be good to own. Would definitely recommend.

The beginning is a bit dry, however once you get past that it is really interesting. I am about half way through the book and it has been a great read. I am currently reading the book for a nursing class however plan to reread the book after the class is over.

Timeless since it was published 25 years ago, Benner's book offers a realistic and thoughtful model of nursing practice which addresses many challenges that are just as pertinent today. The exemplars are classic illustrations of what makes nursing so important yet difficult to define, and most importantly that the differences in nursing practice are placed in the context of experience-which offers nursing leaders important insight into our own strategies. A "must-have"resource for managers and an "I wish I knew these things when I started" textbook for the classroom. Has a permanent place on the night stand.

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