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### **Examples of Interests**

- Registered nurses' and nurse students' medication competence requirements.
- Medication education in under- and postgraduate nursing education
- Nurse prescribing
- Medication and patient safety
- Palliative care

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