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Supplementary Table 1. The findings of the meta synthesis study

Second-order constructs	Third-order constructs
A consciously acquired trait	professional competence
Having technical competence	
Freedom of action	
Going beyond standards	
Supportive nurse	
Being comprehensive	
Self-reliance	
The power of independent clinical decision-making by applying nursing knowledge	Professional decision making
Bedside judgment	
Critical rethinking	
Effective relations and influence on others	Professional interactions
Coordination with other professional team members	