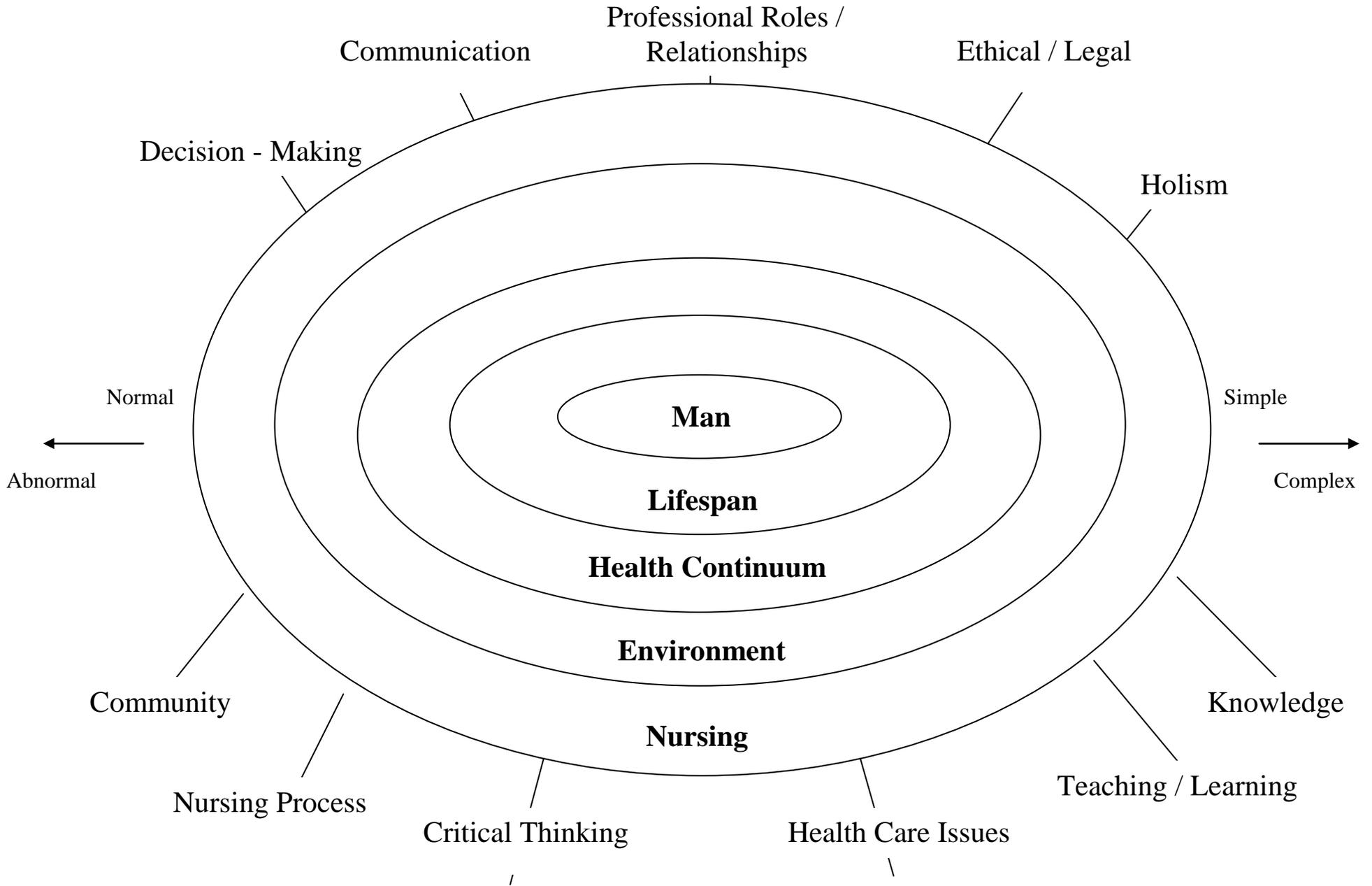


# Conceptual Framework



## Conceptual Framework Definitions

Man	a dynamic, holistic being with physical, emotional, psychological intellectual, social and spiritual needs.
Lifespan	conception through death
Health Continuum	a concept that allows man to continuously move between states of wellness and illness. This ever-changing status is highly individualized taking into consideration the person's own definition of satisfactory level of functioning. Health is a dynamic state of physical, mental and spiritual and social functioning.
Environment	internal and external forces interacting with man throughout the Lifespan. Health involves the individual's ability to maintain homeostasis by adapting to the ever-changing environment.
Nursing	an art and science that involves caring for the individual- body, mind and spirit. Nursing utilizes scientific, technical and behavioral knowledge to assist individuals, sick or well, to perform activities contributing to health promotion, health maintenance, health restoration, or a peaceful and dignified death.
Professional Roles/ Relationships	Nursing collaborates with the transdisciplinary health care team to meet the needs of the individuals and significant others. Nurses utilize leadership and management theory to coordinate healthcare in a variety of settings.
Ethical/Legal	the professional value system
Holism	a concept which interrelates the mind, body, sociocultural and spiritual components of man
Knowledge	cognitive, affective and psychomotor domains of knowing used to achieve identified learning outcomes
Teaching/Learning	process of developing intellect and character and acquiring knowledge and skills in structured and unstructured settings. Nurses assist individuals and groups to achieve wellness through the use of health teaching. Nurses utilize teaching/learning principles in the development, design, and implementation of a teaching plan for individuals and significant others in response to their ever-changing needs on the health continuum.
Health Care Issues	the social, political, technological and economic trends that impact nursing and the health-care system.
Critical Thinking	the intellectual process of actively and skillfully applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating information which has been gathered from observation, experience, reasoning, or communication that guides our actions.

Nursing Process	process used to diagnose and treat health and illness throughout the lifespan
Community	a population with a subcultural diversity living within a specific geographic area
Decision-Making	the ability to problem solve utilizing the nursing process, nursing theory, research, and life experiences. This progresses from dependent to independent with the acquisition of knowledge and experience.
Communication	thoughts, feelings, and information are expressed in an organized, clear, accurate, and effective manner. This interactive process encompasses capabilities in verbal, non-verbal, and written communications with groups and individuals throughout the lifespan. Nurses utilize effective communication to establish therapeutic relationships to meet the healthcare needs of individuals and groups within the community.