

This graduation thesis addresses nursing competencies at intensive care units. It surveys real-world nursing activities, education of nurses and their will to accept responsibility for newly obtained competencies. The key impuls for long time discussed changes of non-physician healthcare workers status was acceptance of Czech Republic to European Union. Since April 1, 2004 came into operation the Law no. 96/2004. This law creates a historical opportunity for complex nursing care providing and facilitates improvement of nursing care to achieve high level comparable to developed countries.