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The purposes of this research were : (1) to study the people's health care development ; (2) to analyze the characteristics of the nursing practice for people's self-care promotion in the period of the first to eighth National Economic and Social Development Plans ; (3) to examine the trend of the nursing role in people's self-care development in the next decade; and (4) to develop a guideline for the preparation of professional nurses to be ready for people's self-care development in the next decade. The Documentary Analysis and the Ethnographic Delphi Futures Research (EDFR) method were used in this study.

Research results revealed that :

1. The development of people's self care can be divided into 5 periods: (1) The period of people taking care of each other in families and among neighbors; (2) observing new medical treatment ; (3) having confidence in hospital treatment and perceiving health as an illness ; (4) taking care of health through primary health care tactics and favoring specialization ; and (5) finding suitable practices.
2. The analysis of the nursing practice for people's self-care according during the first to eighth National Economic and Social Development Plans shows that during the first to third National Economic and Social Development Plans the nursing practice focused on taking care of personal hygiene and giving medical treatments to patients. Later, during the fourth to sixth National Economic and Social Development Plans, the practice began to provide training for people to become health volunteers. Then, during the seventh to eighth National Economic and Social Development Plans, the abilities were enhanced for the health volunteers to be able to give basic medical care to other people in their own community.
3. The most viable and desirable trends of the nursing role in people's self-care development in the next decade will be in the form of a cooperative team comprising nurses, people in the community, and those in other disciplines as well as a cooperating team of nurses by means of a complete nursing transferal system.
4. The preparation of professional nurses to strengthen people's self-care development in the next decade is to incorporate into the curriculum.