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Middle range nursing theory is applicable to practice by providing a focused framework to guide decision-making and interventions in specific clinical situations, allowing nurses to apply theoretical concepts to real-world patient care scenarios, ultimately enhancing the quality of care and patient outcomes by offering a structured approach to understanding and addressing particular health concerns; essentially bridging the gap between broad grand theories and the specifics of daily nursing practice.

Unlike grand theories which are very broad, middle range theories target a particular aspect of nursing practice, like pain management, self-care, or adaptation, making them more readily applicable to a specific patient.

Middle range theories often have supporting research, enabling nurses to select interventions based on evidence and best practices related to a particular phenomenon.

A nurse caring for a patient with diabetes can use this theory to focus on self-care behaviors, medication adherence, and lifestyle modifications to manage the chronic condition.

When educating patients about preventative health practices, a nurse can use this theory to understand the patient's perceptions of their health risks and tailor interventions accordingly.

As nurses continue to work to bridge theory/practice gaps, middle-range theories offer significant promise in their ability to directly influence practice decisions (Chinn & Kramer, 2018). Therefore, a current focus of academic [psychiatric nursing](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/nursing-and-health-professions/psychiatric-nursing) is to refine middle-range theories and analyze or enhance their applicability to practice. With this in mind, this paper presents a detailed critique of the Tidal Model of Mental Health Recovery Theory.

This critique follows Chinn and Kramer's theory analysis, with particular assessment of clarity, simplicity, generalizability, importance, and accessibility (Chinn & Kramer, 2018). The Tidal Model Theory was selected for critique as it has been developed directly from within the discipline of psychiatric nursing (Barker, 1996, 2000, 2001; Brookes, 2014; Fletcher & Stevenson, 2001).

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