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## Challenges facing nursing education and practice in Saudi Arabia

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Nursing education in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) dates back to 1958 when a diploma program offered in collaboration between Ministry of Health (MoH) and World Health Organization (WHO). Since then, however, major transitions and challenges took place that require careful attention to learn from the past, reflect on the present and plan for the future. This paper explains major challenges in nursing education and practice in KSA and presents a developmental model that may be helpful in facing these challenges.

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