

**Blaze, Blaze Through the Land**  
(sung to the tune of Home on the Range)

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Public Health Nursing Competency release song

1. Oh give me a nurse that is very well versed  
In public health practices  
We spend our day, where folks live, work and play  
And the work that we do is priceless

CHORUS:

Blaze, blaze through the land  
With competencies held in our hand  
Our knowledge is great, and we reach higher stakes  
Oh public health nursing, we blaze

2. Empowerment, and informed consent  
are part of our practice each day  
Promoting health, and caring for self  
And partnerships show us the way

CHORUS:

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With competencies held in our hand  
Our knowledge is great, and we reach higher stakes  
Oh public health nursing, we blaze

3. For your attitudes, I have much gratitude  
and your skills are most unsurpassed  
I stand here amazed, there's so many cliché's  
That describe your knowledge, its vast

CHORUS:

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With competencies held in our hand  
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4. So when you go home, and you do start to comb  
Through the competencies in your hand  
Remember this song, 'cause it won't be long  
Before they are ingrained in the land.