

Components of Nursing Practice

RN Scope of Practice Independent role

LPN Scope of Practice Dependent role

Accepting an Assignment

Accepts assignment based on variables in nursing practice setting and individual competency

Accepts assignment **dependent** on practice setting variables including availability of RN supervision, & individual competency

Assessment

Responsible for comprehensive ongoing assessment to determine nursing care needs:

- Collects, verifies, analyzes, and interprets data in relation to health status
- Formulates nursing diagnoses
- Determines extent and frequency of assessment needed

Participates in on-going assessment:

- Collects data
- Recognizes relationship to health status & treatment
- Determines immediate need for intervention

Planning

Develops client plan of care:

- Identifies client's needs
- Prioritizes nursing diagnoses
- Determines nursing care goals
- Determines interventions appropriate to client

Participates in planning:

- Suggests** goals and interventions to RN

Implementation

Implements plan of care:

- Procures resources
- Assigns, delegates, and supervises licensed and unlicensed personnel

Implements established plan of care with following **limitations**:

- RN supervision required
- Assignment to other LPNs and delegation to PABs
- Supervision by LPN limited to assuring that tasks have been completed according to agency policies and procedures

Evaluation

Evaluates and determines effectiveness of nursing interventions and achievement of expected outcomes

- Modifies plan of care

Participates in evaluation by:

- Identifies client's response to nursing intervention and **suggests** to RN revision to plan of care

Reporting and Recording Collaborating

Reports and Records

- Communicates & works with those whose services may affect client's health care
- Initiates collaboration through coordinating, planning, and implementing nursing care of client within the multidisciplinary team
- Participates in multidisciplinary decision-making
- Seeks & utilizes appropriate resources

Reports and Records

Participates in collaboration as assigned.

Teaching and Counseling

Responsible to teach and counsel clients, families, groups and nursing care providers:

- Identifies learning needs
- Develops and evaluates teaching plans
- Makes referrals to appropriate resources

Participates in teaching and counseling of clients and families as assigned through the implementation of an established teaching plan or protocol

Managing Nursing Care

- Continuous availability
- Assesses capabilities of personnel
- Delegates & assigns personnel
- Accountable for nursing care given by all

Not within the LPN scope of practice
NOTE: See limited supervisory role for LPN in the Implementation Section above.

Administering Nursing Services

Administers nursing services

Not within the LPN scope of practice

Accepting Responsibility

Accepts responsibility for self

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REFERENCE:

North Carolina Board of Nursing's website (www.ncbon.com)