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# Highlighting LPN Practice

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competent - committed - care

LPNs are accountable for their decisions and actions.

LPNs maintain competence through lifelong learning.

The core of nursing practice is the nurse/client relationship, whereby the LPN creates and maintains a caring environment through connecting and sharing, and exploring in a collaborative relationship with the client.

LPNs care for clients throughout the life span and follow a systematic approach to nursing care, through critical thinking and clinical judgment, in the application of their knowledge of assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation.

LPNs are committed to provide, facilitate, and promote safe, competent, and ethical care.

Educational programs prepare LPNs to practice in a variety of settings and contexts including, but not limited to, acute care, maternal/child, pediatrics, continuing care, long-term care, mental health, public health, and community agencies.

LPNs practice collaboratively with other members of the interdisciplinary health care team to meet the physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs of clients.

LPNs respect the diversity of clients.

LPNs respect the shared and unique competencies of other members of the interdisciplinary health care team.

LPNs demonstrate openness to change that enhances and supports nursing practice.

LPNs recognize that the Canadian health care system is evolving to a Primary Health model and are knowledgeable of trends and issues that have an impact on clients and other members of the interdisciplinary health care team.

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