

# **R: Community Health**

Major Competency Area: **R**  
**Community Health**

Priority: **One**

Competency: **R-1**  
**Knowledge of Community Health**

Date: September 1, 2005

A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- R-1-1      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply critical thinking and clinical judgment to adapt the nursing process to all settings in community nursing.**
- R-1-2      Demonstrate knowledge of nursing roles and activities in community health.**
- R-1-3      Demonstrate knowledge of the concept of health promotion and disease prevention and communicable disease control in community nursing.**
- R-1-4      Demonstrate knowledge of primary health care.**
- R-1-5      Demonstrate knowledge of determinants of health and how they impact the care of individuals, families, and groups.**
- R-1-6      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to implement time management skills in the practice environment.**

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Competency: **R-2**  
**Nursing Process and Community Health**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- R-2-1 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess, implement, and evaluate appropriate nursing interventions:**
- assess client within the community environment
  - provide nursing interventions and treatments.
- R-2-2 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to perform triage in ambulatory non-urgent care centres:**
- perform rapid primary initial assessments
  - perform secondary assessments that relate to overall health status.
- R-2-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide full health assessments in the management of chronic disease.**
- R-2-4 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide community health nursing considering factors such as:**
- client / family centered care
  - culture, ethnic and religious beliefs
  - environmental factors and supports within practice
  - health promotion, disease prevention, and communicable disease control
  - support, education, and resources available to promote self care.
- R-2-5 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to be a client and family advocate and resource.**

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Competency: **R-3**  
**Client Services**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- R-3-1**      **Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess individual needs of client and access services to meet those needs.**
- R-3-2**      **Demonstrate knowledge and ability to coordinate and participate in client care and facilitate the implementation of the care plan.**
- R-3-3**      **Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assign care to the health care aide and supervise as necessary.**
- R-3-4**      **Demonstrate knowledge and ability to organize and participate in client and family case conferences.**
- R-3-5**      **Demonstrate knowledge and ability to plan for appropriate follow up or discharge of client in the community setting.**
- R-3-6**      **Demonstrate knowledge and ability to adjust to a variety of settings in community health such as:**
- community health clinics
  - client home
  - mobile health vehicle
  - schools
  - community settings i.e., halls, shopping centres, offices.
- R-3-7**      **Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess safety by recognizing, documenting and referring safety concerns such as:**
- ability to access other health professionals, as necessary
  - equipment or furniture maintenance
  - safety issues within various community settings
  - working alone policies.

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**R-3-8        Demonstrate ability to refer to appropriate health care team members for adjusting or providing home safety devices.**

**R-3-9        Demonstrate ability to be flexible and innovative to meet the needs and treatment of the client:**

- adjust nursing care procedures to the environment
- modify treatments to fit the environment
- recognize effect of the community environment on client and / or family.

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Competency: **R-4**  
**Primary Health Care**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- R-4-1        Demonstrate knowledge of the concept of primary health care.**
- R-4-2        Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide nursing services in primary health care such as:**
- communicable disease control
  - community rehabilitation
  - coordination and referral
  - disease prevention
  - health maintenance
  - health promotion
  - home support
  - illness prevention
  - injury prevention
  - pre-hospital emergency medical services.

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Competency: **R-5**  
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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- R-5-1      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess client's needs and direct care as necessary.**
- R-5-2      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to prioritize client's immediate needs and collaborate as necessary to ensure needs are met.**
- R-5-3      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to perform client referral:**
- knowledge of role of other health care professionals
  - knowledge of resources available in community
  - ability to access available resources.
- R-5-4      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to participate in case and family conferences.**

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Competency: **R-6**  
**Preventative Health**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- R-6-1      Demonstrate knowledge of the concept of preventative health.**
- R-6-2      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to plan and participate in the delivery of primary prevention activities such as:**
- communicable disease control
  - disease prevention
  - health promotion
  - illness prevention
  - injury prevention.
- R-6-3      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to plan and participate in actions of secondary prevention such as:**
- accurate and full health assessments
  - early detection of health concerns
  - prompt communication of changes to health status
  - prompt referral to appropriate health resources
  - early treatment of health issues.
- R-6-4      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to plan and participate in actions of tertiary prevention such as:**
- establish goals to return client to highest level of function
  - prevent further deterioration in health
  - prevent recurrences of the health issues
  - focus on rehabilitation of client.



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Competency: **R-7**  
**Health Teaching**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**R-7-1 Demonstrate ability to assist in identifying the need for educational services and inservice for communities:**

- communicable disease / vaccination teaching
- diabetic teaching
- health related issues
- holistic health
- nutrition.

**R-7-2 Demonstrate ability to provide educational services and in-services for individuals, families, and groups.**

**R-7-3 Demonstrate ability to research available resources and arrange appropriate speakers, audio visual aids, location, and time.**

**R-7-4 Demonstrate ability to organize meetings, meeting area, advertising, and recruiting resource person to facilitate educational need.**

**R-7-5 Demonstrate ability to evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting or education session.**