FF: Ophthalmology
A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**FF-1-1** Demonstrate knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology related to ophthalmic nursing and ophthalmic diseases and disorders.

**FF-1-2** Demonstrate knowledge of ophthalmic treatments, procedures and surgeries:
- equipment and technology
- ophthalmic diagnostics
- invasive and non-invasive
- procedures and protocols

**FF-1-3** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide health teaching and coaching associated with ophthalmic nursing.

**FF-1-4** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to communicate and collaborate with inter-professional team.

**Note:** Licensed Practical Nurses who practice advanced ophthalmic nursing procedures and interventions are educated and certified by the employer or have a perioperative nursing specialty.
Major Competency Area: FF
Ophthalmology

Competency: FF-2
Ophthalmic Interventions

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**FF-2-1** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply critical thinking and critical inquiry throughout the nursing process in ophthalmic nursing.

**FF-2-2** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide evidence informed, client centered care in relation to ophthalmic nursing:
- ensure and respect client choices in decision making
- assess, monitor and evaluate care
  - admission, discharge and transfer
  - medication administration
  - infusion therapy
  - monitor diagnostic tests and lab values
- prepare client for procedures, treatments and/or surgery
- implement pre/post procedure routines and protocols

**FF-2-3** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to perform nursing interventions in ophthalmology setting according to agency policy.

**FF-2-4** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assist during ophthalmic treatments, procedures and surgeries including:
- review client information and consent
- explain procedure to client
- prepare instruments
- sterile hand scrub and gowning
- position client
- prepare surgical site and drape client
- provide assistance to anesthetist and surgeon
- prepare and administer medications as required
- manage complications as required
- dress surgical site
- participate in count of instruments and supplies
- ongoing monitoring of client
- collect, label and disperse specimens
A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**FF-2-5** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply the principles and assist with laser procedures:
- manage laser safety protocols
- calibrate laser equipment
- input physicians calculations into laser equipment

**FF-2-6** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to manage client recovery following ophthalmic treatments, procedures and surgeries.