R: Community Health

Please note: Competencies within this section of the Profile are to be taken in consideration with competencies outlined throughout this document and are not intended to be standalone.

Important: LPNs are responsible to ensure they have any required education or training and the individual competence prior to performing these competencies.
Competency Statement - A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**R-1-1** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply the nursing process in community health nursing for individuals, groups, and communities:
- holistic health assessments
- program planning
- implementation of services
- evaluation of outcomes

**R-1-2** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to practice in accordance with professional legislation, regulation, and standards for community health nursing.

**R-1-3** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to integrate community and primary health principles, nursing science and social science and humanities into community health nursing:
- advocate for patient
- assess and manage risk
- assess, identify, and evaluate care goals
- maintain and restore health
- practice cultural competence
- promote disease and injury prevention
- promote health, rehabilitation, restoration
- provide palliation
- support care transitions

**R-1-4** Demonstrate knowledge of social determinants of health and how they impact individuals, groups, and communities.

**R-1-5** Demonstrate knowledge of the concepts of health promotion, prevention, and restoration in community health nursing.

**R-1-6** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide community health nursing to meet the needs of patients in diverse settings:
- patient homes and facilities
- community and street clinics
- public health centers
- correctional facilities
- hospices
- nursing outposts
- educational facilities
- youth centers and group homes

**R-1-7** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide informal and formal leadership in community health settings:
- assess and utilize resources
- promote healthy living environments and networks
- develop chronic disease management initiatives
- implement strategic initiatives
- perform triage in various settings
- apply community health principles and practices
- engage community based resources and experts
- guide individuals and groups in conflict resolution
- facilitate and lead education
- perform management and administrator role
Competency - R-2: Health Promotion and Services

R-2-1 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to utilize tools and strategies to address health promotion for individuals, groups, and communities, considering the social determinants of health.

R-2-2 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to plan and participate in primary, secondary, and tertiary disease prevention:
- assess risk and prevent onset
- reduce impact and progression
- promote rehabilitation and restoration
- encourage healthy lifestyle choices
- promote healthy social and physical environments

R-2-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to recognize and manage safety concerns:
- implement prevention strategies
- reduce safety hazards
  - care environment
  - unsafe and aggressive behavior

R-2-4 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to organize and manage patient and family case conferences.

R-2-5 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assign, educate and supervise regulated and unregulated providers in community health settings:
- implement assignment of care
- ensure continuity of care
- provide mentorship and guidance
- evaluate and reassign as necessary

R-2-6 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to plan, facilitate and coordinate access to healthcare services:
- physician
- pharmacist
- social services
- home care services
- allied health professional services
- specialized services

R-2-7 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to identify and adapt services for at risk individuals, groups, and communities based on the social determinants of health.
### Competency Statement - A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**R-3-1** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to participate in public health population assessment and evaluation.

**R-3-2** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply community and primary health principles in clinic and public health nursing.

**R-3-3** Demonstrate knowledge and ability to develop and deliver health promotion and disease prevention programs and nursing services for patients and families in public health or clinic settings:

- Healthy Beginnings Postpartum Program
- child and youth programs
- school health programs
- chronic disease management
- emergency preparedness and response
- coordination, consultation, referral
- injury prevention and rehabilitation
- infection prevention and control
- patient triage
- screening and disease prevention
- immunization management
  - implement immunization schedules
  - travel health protocols
  - vaccine administration
  - allergy testing
- clinic coordination and management
- specimen collection
  - cervical (PAP)
  - sexually transmitted infections