

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.

Major Competency
R: Community Health

Competency
R-1: Community Health Nursing and Interventions

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
- implementation of services
- program planning
- 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, social science, and humanities into community health nursing:

- advocate for patient
- promote disease and injury prevention
- assess and manage risk
- promote health, rehabilitation, restoration
- assess, identify, and evaluate care goals
- provide palliation
- maintain and restore health
- support care transitions
- practice cultural competence

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
- hospices
- community and street clinics
- nursing outposts
- public health centers
- educational facilities
- correctional 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
- perform triage in various settings
- promote healthy living environments and networks
- apply community health principles and practices
- develop chronic disease management initiatives
- engage community-based resources and experts
- implement strategic initiatives
- guide individuals and groups in conflict resolution
- facilitate and lead education
- perform management and administrator role

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Competency
R-2: Health Promotion and Services

Competency Statement - A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- 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 reassess 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.**

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Competency
R-3: Public Health and Clinic Nursing

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
 - communicable diseases
 - breast and cervical cancer
 - immunization management
 - Sexually Transmitting Infections
 - clinic coordination and management
 - specimen collection
 - cervical (PAP)
 - sexually transmitted infections