

## Y: Ophthalmology

**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  
**Y: Ophthalmology**

Competency  
**Y-1: Ophthalmic Nursing and Interventions**

Competency Statement - A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

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

**Y-1-2 Demonstrate knowledge of invasive and non-invasive ophthalmic treatments, procedures, and surgeries.**

**Y-1-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide ophthalmic nursing treatments according to employer requirements:**

- procedures and protocols
- ophthalmic diagnostics
- equipment and technology

**Y-1-4 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assist during ophthalmic procedures and surgeries:**

- review patient information and consent
- explain procedure to the patient
- prepare instrument
- sterile hand scrub and gowning
- position patient
- prepares surgical site and drape patient
- provide assistance to anesthetist and surgeon
- prepare and administer medication as required
- manage complications as required
- dress surgical site
- participate in count of instruments and supplies
- ongoing monitoring of patient
- collect, label, and disperse specimens

**Y-1-5 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assist with laser procedures:**

- manage laser safety protocols
- calibrate and set laser equipment

**Y-1-6 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to manage patient recovery following ophthalmic surgery or laser treatment.**

**Note: Licensed Practical Nurses providing ophthalmic nursing procedures and interventions require employer education and certification and/or have Advanced Practice Perioperative Nursing.**