

Am I Practising Nursing?

To practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Saskatchewan the practitioner must be registered and licensed with the Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (SALPN). SALPN Regulatory Bylaws 10 (1) (a) indicate a practice hour requirement of 1250 hours per five year period. These hours must be acquired in a practical nursing role utilizing the following competencies.

Complete the following checklist and reflect on your current role or proposed role. Check the boxes that apply or will apply.

Assessment of

- Client: Physical, social, emotional, psychological, spiritual assessment of individuals, groups, communities, populations across the lifespan;
- Delivery of the facilitation of the delivery of safe and competent nursing care;
- Nursing practice (unit level, institution, system, education, policy, regulatory)

Planning

- Collects health data;
- Reviews / analyzes findings of client assessments;
- Determines and or collaborates in the determination of appropriate service, treatment, care provider or equipment;
- Reviews nursing issues to support client care / nursing practice.

Intervention

- Provides treatment or performs interventions;
- Collaborates / develops health education based on nursing knowledge, skill, judgement;
- Health teaching or health promotion;
- Communicates with clients, families, groups, communities, or populations;
- Collaborating with other care providers;
- Directly or indirectly influences the practice of care providers and or policy;
- Manages or assists with the management of nursing resources;
- Developing or assisting in the development of educational resources for care providers.

Evaluation

- Review of client health records to identify , determine , or report health outcomes; Makes nursing practice decisions based on findings of evaluations;
- Actions have a direct or indirect effect on the provision of health care services in Saskatchewan.

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