



## 2012 Member Statistics

2785

Current Practising Members

127

Non Practising Members

9

Graduate Practical Nurses

16

LPNs participating in the CPNRE National Exam on  
January 11th

105

Estimated number of candidates to write  
the CPNRE National Exam on May 16th

# Advice

**In the department I manage LPNs are required to perform assessments. I have heard that it is not within the scope of practice of the LPN to perform certain assessments. Is this true?**

Regulation of the LPN profession is derived from the legislated act. The Licensed Practical Nurse Act 2000 states, “‘practise as a licensed practical nurse’ means to provide services, within the education and training of licensed practical nurses, for the purposes of providing care, promoting health and preventing illness.”

The nursing process, inclusive of planning, assessment, implementation and evaluation, is within the education of the LPN, and therefore is part of the scope of practice of the LPN. Assessments can be required throughout all stages of the nursing process. There are no SALPN issued restrictions regarding the type of assessments an LPN can perform.

The LPN performing assessments must have the competencies required, as should all practitioners performing assessments, including knowledge, skill, ability, judgement and resources. The LPN is accountable for his or her actions or inactions and is responsible to manage assessment findings appropriately. If practitioners require additional education to perform specific assessments it is appropriate to offer the education to the practitioner.

Providing safe patient care is top priority in all areas of nursing. Decision makers must ensure the most appropriate care provider provides care to the appropriate patient at the appropriate time. For further information please contact:



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# Health Assessment Mandatory Competency Countdown

SALPN members who choose to not complete an approved Health Assessment course/program (SIAS – NURS 227) will not be eligible for licensure for the 2013 year and will not be employable as an LPN following December 31st, 2012.

If you employ LPNs who have not yet completed the course you may wish to ask them if they plan to take the required education or if they are choosing to leave the profession. This will allow you to prepare your facility or unit appropriately.

SIAS has ensured seating availability for all LPNs choosing to take NURS 227. The courses are scheduled as follows:

**April 2nd – June 22nd**

(Registration Deadline is March 23rd)

**June 25th – September 14th**

(Registration Deadline June 15th)

We thank you for your cooperation and support in the implementation of this mandatory competency. Please feel free to contact the SALPN if you require further assistance.



# SALPN Awards

Here is your chance to recognize LPNs and celebrate the achievements of Licensed Practical Nurses from across the province.

The SALPN Awards and Recognition Committee is asking for nominations for four awards:

- LPN of Distinction
- Mentorship
- Lifetime Achievement
- Honorary Membership

Is there an LPN you would like to nominate for one or more of these awards?

Please visit the SALPN website at [www.salpn.com](http://www.salpn.com) (Awards) for more information.

You can contact the SALPN office at (888) 257-2576 or [lpnadmin@salpn.com](mailto:lpnadmin@salpn.com)

Award Applications must be received by the SALPN office by February 28, 2012.

