

# **P: Emergency Care**

**Major Competency Area: P**  
**Emergency Care**

Competency: **P-1**  
**Emergency Nursing**

Date: January 16, 2017

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- P-1-1        Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply critical thinking and critical inquiry throughout the nursing process in emergency nursing.**
- P-1-2        Demonstrate knowledge and ability to perform a comprehensive health assessment.**
- P-1-3        Demonstrate knowledge and ability to perform nursing procedures and interventions in an emergency setting as defined by scope of practice and according to agency policy.**
- P-1-4        Demonstrate knowledge and ability to obtain, assess and monitor diagnostic tests and lab values according to agency policy.**
- P-1-5        Demonstrate knowledge and ability to communicate, collaborate and consult with emergency care team.**

A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- P-1-6 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to obtain additional education and certification in emergency assessment, intervention and care including:**
- emergency assessment certifications
    - cardiac life support
    - emergency neonatal care
    - emergency nursing
    - emergency pediatric nursing
    - pediatric life support
    - trauma nursing
  - additional certifications
    - employer specific certification
    - immunization certification

Major Competency Area: **P**  
**Emergency Care**

Competency: **P-2**  
**Triage**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**P-2-1 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide assistance in a rapid primary initial assessment utilizing the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS):**

- Level 1-Resuscitation-threats of life, immediate aggressive intervention required
- Level 2-Emergency-potential risk to life or limb, rapid medical intervention required
- Level 3-Urgent-conditions could progress to serious problem requiring emergency intervention
- Level 4-Less Urgent-conditions would benefit from intervention in 1-2 hours to avoid potential deterioration
- Level 5-Non-Urgent-investigations and interventions could be delayed or referred

**P-2-2 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to communicate and collaborate with inter-professional team in triage assessment.**