

**COMPARISON OF RN AND LPN STANDARDS RELATED TO SCOPE  
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

<b>LPN STANDARDS RELATED TO SCOPE</b>	<b>RN STANDARDS RELATED TO SCOPE</b>
R4-19-401D: In participating in the nursing process and implementing client care across the lifespan, a LPN shall:	R4-19-402C: In utilizing the nursing process to plan and implement nursing care for clients across the life-span, a RN shall:
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>ASSESSMENT</b>
1. Contribute to the assessment of the health status of clients by:	1. Conduct a nursing assessment of a client in which the nurse:
a. Recognizing client characteristics that may affect the client's health status;	a. Recognizes client characteristics that may affect the client's health status;
b. Gathering and recording assessment data;	b. Gathers or reviews comprehensive subjective and objective data and detects changes or missing information;
	c. Applies nursing knowledge in the integration of the biological, psychological, and social aspects of the client's condition; and
c. Demonstrating attentiveness by observing, monitoring, and reporting signs, symptoms, and changes in client condition in an ongoing manner to the supervising registered nurse or physician;	d. Demonstrates attentiveness by providing ongoing client surveillance and monitoring;
<b>NURSING DIAGNOSIS</b>	<b>NURSING DIAGNOSIS</b>
No nursing diagnosis.	2. Use critical thinking and nursing judgment to analyze client assessment data to:
	a. Make independent nursing decisions and formulate nursing diagnoses; and
	b. Determine the clinical implications of client signs, symptoms, and changes, as either expected, unexpected, or emergent situations;
<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>
2. Contribute to the development and modification of the plan of care by:	3. Based on assessment and analysis of client data, plan strategies of nursing care and nursing interventions in which the nurse;
a. Planning episodic nursing care for a client whose condition is stable or predictable;	a. Identifies client needs and goals;
b. Assisting the registered nurse or supervising physician in identification of client needs and goals; and	b. Formulates strategies to meet identified client needs and goals;
	c. Modifies defined strategies to be consistent with the client's overall health care plan; and
c. Determining priorities of care together with the supervising registered nurse or physician;	d. Prioritizes strategies based on client needs and goals;

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<b>IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION</b>
3. Implement aspects of a client’s care consistent with the LPN scope of practice in a timely and accurate manner including:	4. Provide nursing care within the RN scope of practice in which the nurse:
a. Following nurse and physician orders and seeking clarification of orders when needed;	
b. Administering treatments, medications, and procedures;	a. Administers prescribed aspects of care including treatments, therapies, and medications;
c. Attending to client and family concerns or requests;	b. Clarifies health care provider orders when needed;
d. Providing health information to clients as directed by the supervising RN or physician or according to an established educational plan;	c. Implements independent nursing activities consistent with the RN scope of practice;
	d. Institutes preventive measures to protect client, others, and self;
	e. Intervenes on behalf of a client when problems are identified;
e. Promoting a safe client environment;	f. Promotes a safe client environment;
	g. Attends to client concerns or requests;
f. Communicating relevant and timely client information with other health team members regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Client status and progress;</li> <li>ii. Client response or lack of response to therapies;</li> <li>iii. Significant changes in client condition; and</li> <li>iv. Client needs and special requests; and</li> </ul>	h. Communicates client information to health team members including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Client concerns and special needs;</li> <li>ii. Client status and progress;</li> <li>iii. Client response or lack of response to interventions; and</li> <li>iv. Significant changes in client condition; and</li> </ul>
g. Documenting the nursing care the LPN provided;	i. Documents the nursing care the RN has provided;
<b>EVALUATION</b>	<b>EVALUATION</b>
4. Contribute to evaluation of the plan of care by;	5. Evaluate the impact of nursing care including the:
a. Gathering, observing, recording, and communicating client responses to nursing interventions; and	a. Client’s response to interventions;
b. Modifying the plan of care in collaboration with a registered nurse based on an analysis of client responses.	b. Need for alternative interventions;
	c. Need to communicate and consult with other health team members; and

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	d. Need to revise the plan of care;
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>
Providing health information to clients as directed by the supervising RN or physician or according to an established educational plan; (AS STATED ABOVE IN INTERVENTIONS 3d)	6. Provide comprehensive nursing and health care education in which the RN:
	a. Assesses and analyzes educational needs of learners;
	b. Plans educational programs based on learning needs and teaching-learning principles;
	c. Ensures implementation of an educational plan either directly or by delegating selected aspects of the education to other qualified persons; and
	d. Evaluates the education to meet the identified goals;
<b>DELEGATION</b>	<b>DELEGATION</b>
<b>E.</b> A LPN assigns and delegates nursing activities. The LPN shall:	<b>D.</b> A RN assigns and delegates nursing activities. The RN shall:
1. Assign nursing care within the LPN scope of practice to other LPNs;	1. Assign nursing care within the RN scope of practice to other RNs;
<b>LPN Cannot assign care to RN</b>	2. Assign nursing care to a LPN within the LPN scope of practice based on the RN's assessment of the client and the LPN's ability;
	3. Supervise, monitor, and evaluate the care assigned to a LPN; and
2. Delegate nursing tasks to unlicensed assistive personnel (UAPs). In maintaining accountability for the delegation, the LPN shall ensure that the:	4. Delegate nursing tasks to UAPs. In maintaining accountability for the delegation, an RN shall ensure that the:
a. UAP has the education, legal authority, and demonstrated competency to perform the delegated task;	a. UAP has the education, legal authority, and demonstrated competency to perform the delegated task;
b. Tasks delegated are consistent with the UAP's job description and can be safely performed according to clear, exact, and unchanging directions;	b. Tasks delegated are consistent with the UAP's job description and can be safely performed according to clear, exact, and unchanging directions;
c. Results of the task are reasonably predictable;	c. Results of the task are reasonably predictable;
d. Task does not require assessment, interpretation, or independent decision making during its performance or at completion;	d. Task does not require assessment, interpretation, or independent decision making during its performance or at completion;
e. Selected client and circumstances of the delegation are such that delegation of the task poses	e. Selected client and circumstances of the delegation are such that delegation of the task poses

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minimal risk to the client and the consequences of performing the task improperly are not life-threatening;	minimal risk to the client and the consequences of performing the task improperly are not life-threatening;
f. LPN provides clear directions and guidelines regarding the delegated task or, for routine tasks on stable clients, verifies that the UAP follows each written facility policy or procedure when performing the delegated task;	f. RN provides clear directions and guidelines regarding the delegated task or, for routine tasks on stable clients, verifies that the UAP follows each written facility policy or procedure when performing the delegated task;
g. LPN provides supervision and feedback to the UAP; and	g. RN provides supervision and feedback to the UAP; and
h. LPN observes and communicates the outcomes of the delegated task.	h. RN observes and communicates the outcomes of the delegated task.