

RN and LVN Profession Roles and Responsibilities Comparison Table

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Role/Responsibility	RN	LVN	TBON Position Statement
Assessment	Full Head to Toe Comprehensive	Focused.	15.27 217.11
Planning	may Develop initial and make nursing diagnosis	Cannot initiate but can contribute.	217.11
Implementation	may implement aspects of plan of care within legal, ethical, and regulatory parameters. LVN	<u>RN</u> Generally responsible and accountable cannot initiate but contribute.	15.27 217.11
Evaluation	Responsible for evaluation of care.	Participates by identifying and reporting pt responses to therapeutic interventions.	217.11
Communication	must communicate verbally, in writing, or electronically with members of healthcare team.	<u>SAME</u> PT's, and families.	15.27-LVN 15.28-RN
Clinical Reasoning	must use critical thinking skills to problem solve, and make clinical judgement	must use clinical reasoning and established, evidence-based policies, procedures, or guidelines	15.28 15.27
Making Assignments	Can make assignments based on experience, knowledge, physical and emotional ability.	For clinical judgement only to another LVN and UAP in reasonable and prudent matter.	As basis 15.27 217.11 15.28