

RN and LVN Profession Roles and Responsibilities Comparison Table

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Role/Responsibility	RN	LVN	TBON Position Statement
Assessment	<p>Assessment is initial & ongoing, extensive collection analysis & interpretation of data. Nursing judgment is based on the findings</p>	<p>determining the physical & mental health status, needs. Collects data & information, recognizes changes in conditions & reports this to RN</p>	<p>Article # 'RN's' 15.27 15.28</p>
Planning	<p>developed by the RN, who has the overall responsibility to coordinate nursing care for pts. Teaching plans address health promotion, maintenance, restoration & prevention of risks.</p>	<p>Analyze data gathered during the assessment & identification of problems Contributes in planning the nursing care needs of patients</p>	<p>15.27 15.28</p>
Implementation	<p>may begin, deliver, assign, or delegate certain task within the plan of care for the patients within legal, ethical, & regulatory parameters</p>	<p>Responsible for providing safe, compassionate & focused nursing to assigned pts & predictable health care needs. May make appropriate assignments to other LVNs or UAP.</p>	<p>15.27 15.28 217.11</p>
Evaluation	<p>evaluates & reports pt outcomes & responses to therapeutic interventions in comparison to benchmarks from evidence-based practice & research findings, & plans any flw care and referrals to appropriate resources that may be needed.</p>	<p>Participates in the evaluation process by identifying & reporting any alterations in pt's responses to therapeutic interventions in comparison to expected outcomes</p>	<p>15.27 15.28</p>

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<p>Communication</p>	<p>Must communicate verbally, in writing or electronically \pm members of the health care team, pt's & their family in all aspects of nursing care provided to patients. These communications must be appropriately documented in the pt's record.</p>	<p>Must communicate verbally, in writing or electronically \pm members of the health care team, pt's & their families on all aspects of the nursing care provided to patients</p>	<p>15.27 301,002</p>
<p>Clinical Reasoning</p>	<p>RN's use critical thinking skills to problem solve & make clinical judgement in response to and in collaboration \pm pt's, their families & health care team</p>	<p>Must use clinical reasoning & established evidence-based policies, procedures, or guidelines as basis for clinical judgement in nursing practice</p>	<p>15.27 301002</p>
<p>Making Assignments</p>	<p>Must take into consideration the education, training, skills, competence, & physical condition/abilities of the person to whom the assignments are made</p>	<p>Must take into consideration the education, training, skills, competence, & physical & professional ability of the person to whom the assignments are made Can make assignments to other LVN's & UAF</p>	<p>15.37</p>

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Supervision	The RN's scope of practice may include the supervision of LVNs or other RNs. Supervision of LVN staff is defined as the process of directing, guiding, & influencing the outcome of individual's performance & activity.	It is not appropriate & is beyond the scope of practice for an LVN to supervise the nursing practice of an RN. However in nursing homes, LVNs may expand their scope of practice through experience, skill & continued education to supervise other LVNs.	15.27 15.28
Medication Administration	Know the rationale for effects of medications & treatments, & shall correctly administer the drugs Accurately & completely report & document IV administration of medications & treatments & clarify the order or treatment regimen if the nurse has reason to believe it is inaccurate.	Safely administer medications & treatments communicate accurately & completely document responses of patient to prescriptions & nonprescription medications Know the rationale for effects of medications & treatments, & shall correctly administer the same Accurately & completely report & document IV administration of medications & treatments clarify the order or treatment regimen if the nurse has reason to believe it is inaccurate.	22 Tue 217.11 15.27 15.28 551013 15.7
Moderate Sedation	Performance of pre-sedation health assessment of the individual ordering the sedation & the RN or Non-CRNA. monitor pt's V/S, documentation & monitoring of the level of sedation & physiologic measurement.	A LVN cannot administer medication or monitor patients receiving moderate sedation as a delegated medical act.	217 11 15.27 15.10 15.8
Employment Setting	When an employer hires an RN to perform a job, the RN must assure that it is safe & legal. The RN must determine before he or she engages in any activity or assignment whether he or she has the education, training, skill, competency & the physical/emotional ability to safely carry out the activity or assignment.	RN must have a clinical supervisor who is knowledgeable & aware of his or her role. Caution must be exercised not to "overstep" the legal parameters of nursing practice when an employer may not understand the limits of the LVN scope of practice & makes an assignment that is not prudent or safe.	15.27 15.28

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<i>Add any other differences that you found interesting here</i>			
Education	<p>Licensure exam were developed & are administered by the NCSBN. Graduate from approved nursing program in Texas and is eligible to take the NCLEX exam.</p>	<p>→ the curriculum of each grade level of nursing education programs differs related to the scope of practice & competency level of the graduate</p> <p>The competencies of each educational level build upon the previous level of education</p>	<p>15.27 15.28</p>