

Unit 1: Delegation
Z-Chapter 14
ONLINE CONTENT (1 H)

Unit Objectives:

- Discuss personal accountability when delegating. (5,7)*
- Explain and apply the five rights of delegation in nursing practice. (3,5,6,7)*

*Course Objectives

Review Chapter 14 in your textbook and read the “National Guidelines for Nursing Delegation” document. Place your answers to the questions below in the Z-Chapter 14 dropbox by 0800 on 1/13/2025.

1. State **each** example provided of when the National Guidelines for Nursing Delegation may be applied?
APRN when delegating to RN’s, LPN and assistive personnel.
RN’s when delegating to LPN, and assistive personnel.
LPN as allowed by their state jurisdiction when delegating to assistive personnel.
2. When do the National Guidelines for Nursing Delegation **not** apply?
When the care between and RN to RN or LPN to LPN. This is considered a handoff.
3. In your own words, respond to the following:
 - a. Define delegation.
Delegation is when you ask someone to do an appropriate task that you may not have time to do.
 - b. Explain how delegation differs from assignment.
Delegation is when a task such as bathing is passed on to assistive personnel, assignment is when someone is assigned a responsibility that they are expected to do.
 - c. Does either delegation or assignment require supervision? If so, by whom?
Delegation requires supervision by the delegatee.
4. Discuss the responsibilities of the delegator (licensed nurse) and the delegatee as they relate to delegation. (**HINT**: both the delegator and delegatee have several responsibilities).
The delegator has be sure the task is appropriate and the patient is appropriate for the task to be completed by assistive personnel. The delegator is also responsible for the follow up of the task that is was completed. The delegate has to accept the responsibility and have proved competent to do task.

5. List **and** define (in your own words) the five rights of delegation.

The right task, means that task is appropriate for the person that it was delegated to.

The right circumstance, means the patient is stable with no immediate concerns.

The right person, means person is competent to do the task

The right direction and communication, the task delegated was explained thoroughly.

The right supervision/evaluation, means the nurse followed up on the delegated task.

In order to receive full credit (1 H class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by the due date/time assigned. Any assignments not completed in its entirety by the due date and time will result in missed class time and must be completed by the end of the semester to pass the course.