

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?

Example for when it may be applied are when the nurse leader is overseeing the delegated responsibilities, deciding what responsibilities may be delegated, developing policies and procedures, and communicating information about delegation.

2. When do the National Guidelines for Nursing Delegation **not** apply?

They should always apply.

3. In your own words, respond to the following:
 - a. Define delegation. Assigning a task to another person.
 - b. Explain how delegation differs from assignment. Assignment is routine care while delegation is a nursing assignment.
 - c. Does either delegation or assignment require supervision? If so, by whom?
Delegation requires supervision by the person who delegated the task.

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).

Delegator should determine what to delegate and when and communicate and supervise throughout the task while the delagatee must only accept tasks that are within the assigned scope.

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

The five rights of delegation are right task; making sure the person you are delegating to is able to do the task, right circumstance; the patient should be stable, right person; the person should be able to responsibly carry out the task, right directions and communication; instructions should be clarified, and right supervision and evaluation, responsible for making sure it is done appropriately.

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.