

## Minnesota Board of Nursing

### Nurse Practice Act - Minnesota Statute Section 148.171

**Effective August 1, 2013**  
**Practice of Practical and Professional Nursing**

LPN Scope of Practice	RN Scope of Practice
<p><b>Subd. 14. Practice of practical nursing.</b> The "practice of practical nursing" means the performance, with or without compensation of those services that incorporates caring for individual patients in all settings through nursing standards recognized by the board at the direction of a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or other licensed health care provider and includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="114 796 1030 1024">(1) conducting a focused assessment of the health status of an individual patient through the collection and comparison of data to normal findings and the individual patient's current health status, and reporting changes and responses to interventions in an ongoing manner to a registered nurse or the appropriate licensed health care provider for delegated or assigned tasks or activities;</li><li data-bbox="114 1062 1030 1135">(2) participating with other health care providers in the development and modification of a plan of care;</li><li data-bbox="114 1176 1030 1282">(3) determining and implementing appropriate interventions within a nursing plan of care or when delegated or assigned by a registered nurse;</li><li data-bbox="114 1323 1030 1396">(4) implementing interventions that are delegated, ordered, or prescribed by a licensed health care provider;</li><li data-bbox="114 1437 1030 1511">(5) assigning nursing activities or tasks to other licensed practical nurses (LPNs);</li></ul>	<p><b>Subd. 15. Practice of professional nursing.</b> The "practice of professional nursing" means the performance, with or without compensation of those services that incorporates caring for all patients in all settings through nursing standards recognized by the board and includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1064 752 2025 899">(1) providing a comprehensive assessment of the health status of a patient through the collection, analysis, and synthesis of data used to establish a health status baseline and plan of care, and address changes in a patient's condition;</li><li data-bbox="1064 936 2025 1013">(2) collaborating with the health care team to develop and coordinate an integrated plan of care;</li><li data-bbox="1064 1051 2025 1127">(3) developing nursing interventions to be integrated with the plan of care;</li><li data-bbox="1064 1165 2025 1255">(4) implementing nursing care through the execution of independent nursing interventions;</li><li data-bbox="1064 1307 2025 1380">(5) implementing interventions that are delegated, ordered, or prescribed by a licensed health care provider;</li><li data-bbox="1064 1418 2025 1491">(6) delegating nursing tasks or assigning nursing activities to implement the plan of care;</li></ul>

(6) assigning and monitoring nursing tasks or activities to unlicensed assistive personnel;

(7) providing safe and effective nursing care delivery;

(8) promoting a safe and therapeutic environment;

(9) advocating for the best interests of individual patients;

(10) assisting in the evaluation of responses to interventions;

(11) collaborating and communicating with other health care providers;

(12) providing health care information to individual patients;

(13) providing input into the development of policies and procedures; and

(14) accountability for the quality of care delivered, recognizing the limits of knowledge and experience; addressing situations beyond the nurse's competency; and performing to the level of education, knowledge, and skill ordinarily expected of an individual who has completed an approved practical nursing education program described in section 148.211, subdivision 1.

(7) providing safe and effective nursing care;

(8) promoting a safe and therapeutic environment;

(9) advocating for the best interests of individual patients;

(10) evaluating responses to interventions and the effectiveness of the plan of care;

(11) collaborating and coordinating with other health care professionals in the management and implementation of care within and across care settings and communities;

(12) providing health promotion, disease prevention, care coordination, and case finding;

(13) designing and implementing teaching plans based on patient need, and evaluating their effectiveness;

(14) participating in the development of health care policies, procedures, and systems;

(15) managing, supervising, and evaluating the practice of nursing;

(16) teaching the theory and practice of nursing; and

(17) accountability for the quality of care delivered, recognizing the limits of knowledge and experience; addressing situations beyond the nurse's competency; and performing to the level of education, knowledge, and skill ordinarily expected of an individual who has completed an approved professional nursing education program as described in section 148.211, subdivision 1.