

## **Licensed Practical Nurse**

Classification Number

6135

### **Series Concept**

The Licensed Practical Nurse is a healthcare professional and performs nursing functions under the supervision of a Registered Nurse, physician, or other clinical manager. This classification specification covers nursing positions requiring licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse; the standards for the Licensed Practical Nurse Scope of Practice are covered in the Nurse Practice Act (Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 678.010-678.445).

Incumbents provide nursing in correctional or mental health institutions, hospitals or other clinical settings. Incumbents may be assigned to any of a wide variety of nursing programs including psychiatric nursing, chemical dependency, forensic, sex offenders, dual diagnosis, developmentally disabled, maternal child health services, family planning, immunization, etc. Patients may vary in socioeconomic, cultural, emotional, and/or physical needs and may be confused, disoriented, aggressive or hostile. Some settings may involve exposure to communicable diseases, lifting and moving patients or equipment weighing more than 50 pounds and may involve restraining patients.

Depending on the setting, incumbents may provide preventative, primary, secondary, and tertiary nursing to individuals, organizations and/or the community. They participate in assessments of the patient's physical and psychosocial health, instruct and counsel patients, families, and/or caregivers in disease processes, self-care, and health promotion techniques; develop plans of care, provide case management; identify, consult, and coordinate with community resources pertaining to health, social, and financial services; refer clients to community resources.

Participates as a member of a health care team in cooperation with and under the direction of the clinical manager or designee. Follows nursing orders; Provides care for clients whose conditions are stable or predictable under minimal supervision; Assists with the provision of care for clients whose conditions are critical and/or fluctuating under direct supervision; Provides an environment conducive to safety and health; Implements nursing care according to the established priority of needs and provides health teaching to clients utilizing established protocols; Documents nursing interventions and responses to care. Communicates nursing interventions and responses to care to appropriate members of the health team; Provides client advocacy ; Contributes to the evaluation of the responses of individuals or groups to nursing interventions by documenting and communicating evaluation data, contributing to the modification of the plan of care, evaluating the responses of individuals to nursing interventions.

### **Distinguishing Features**

There is a single classification and not part of a series.

## **Minimum Qualifications & Skills**

Education: Per licensing requirements.

Certification/Licensure: Current Oregon state LPN licensure.

Other Skills/Knowledge:  
Demonstrated positive interpersonal and communication skills with colleagues, patients, families, providers, physicians and the community.