

# *Am I Practicing Nursing?*

## *Professional Practice Series*



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Association of New Brunswick Licensed  
Practical Nurses

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## **Mission**

The Association of New Brunswick Licensed Practical Nurses ensures the public of their commitment to safe, competent, and compassionate, ethical care by regulating and enhancing the profession of practical nursing.

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To practice as a licensed practical nurse in New Brunswick, you must be registered with the Association of New Brunswick Licensed Practical Nurses. Nursing practice can take place in a variety of roles and settings. This fact sheet outlines the factors to consider in determining if you are practicing nursing. It's important to note that **practicing nursing** is not the same as **being employed as a practical nurse**.

*As defined in the LPN Act: "licensed practical nurse" means a graduate of an approved school of practical nurses who is not a registered nurse in New Brunswick, undertakes the care of patients under the direction and in collaboration with a registered nurse or duly qualified medical practitioner, or pharmacist for custodial convalescent, sub-acutely ill, chronically ill patients, and who assists registered nurses in the care of acutely ill patients, rendering the services for which he or she has been trained;*

*Reflect on your current role employed as an LPN in New Brunswick  
Reflect on the following items. Check all that apply to your current role.*

### Assessment of:

- Client health care needs (physical, social, emotional, psychological, spiritual);
- Delivery or facilitation of safe and competent nursing care;
- Impact of nursing policy.

### Planning:

- Collects, analyzes and integrates health data into nursing care plan;
- Reviews the findings of a health assessment and compares them to actual or expected findings;
- Collaborates in the development of appropriate nursing/interprofessional plan of care, health related service, treatment, care provider or equipment, or;
- Reviews nursing issues to support client care/nursing practice.

### Intervention:

- Provides treatment or performs health-related intervention(s);
- Teaches/Educates clients, families, groups (this may be health teaching and may be teaching specific to a health related/medical supply product or health promotion which includes counseling);
- Communicates with clients, families, groups about interventions or plan of care;
- Collaborates with other care providers;
- Directly or indirectly influences the practice of care providers and/or nursing policy, which may include surveillance of quality assurance plan or program or workload management program;
- Manages or co-manages nursing resources (e.g. staff, facilities, equipment), or;

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- Collaborates in the development of learning resources for practical nurses or other care providers.

### Evaluation:

- Reviews client health records to identify, determine or report health outcomes;
- Anticipates and records outcomes and makes nursing practice decisions based on the findings of the evaluation;
- Collaborates with other care providers;
- Implements actions that have a direct or indirect effect on the recipient of a health care service in New Brunswick.

### Accountability (must check all):

- Adheres to Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice set forth by ANBLPN;
- Follows legislative requirements documented in the Licensed Practical Nurses Act (2014), Regulations and By-laws, and;
- Works within the scope of a licensed practical nurse.

### Am I Practicing Nursing?

Have you checked at least **one box in each of the above sections** (unless otherwise indicated)?

- YES: You are a practicing practical nurse.
- NO: You are non-practicing.

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