



## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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### PRACTICAL NURSING (CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY)

1. Documentation. The employee: Collects, prioritizes, organizes and records patient information in an accurate and appropriate manner for continuity of patient care.
2. Communication. Integrate interpersonal skill concepts and professional behavior standards into the practice of Practical Nursing. The ability to utilize therapeutic communication skills effectively with members of the health care team, patients and families.
3. Medication Administration. Apply the principles of medication administration, utilizing the Nursing process to affect a positive and safe outcome. Also, utilize the nursing process while implementing scientific principles of nursing, consistently, to safely provide technical care.
4. Leadership/Professionalism. Delegate and supervise within LPN scope of practice, unlicensed personnel in the performance of appropriate skills while adhering to facility policies and procedures
5. Knowledge. Demonstrate a theory based practice when planning, implementing and evaluating the nursing care of individuals and groups across the lifespan, including end of life care.
6. Critical Thinking. Utilize critical thinking in a clinical environment, applying the nursing process to meet self-care and self care deficits across the life span. Including end of life care.

A practical nurse should be able to use critical thinking skills to:

- Assist RN with patient assessment
  - Prioritize patient care among patients
  - Recognize when a patient is in trouble and seek assistance
  - Delegate tasks within scope of practice
7. Educate. Effectively teach patients and families self – care to attain, maintain optimal level of wellness or to a dignified death in accordance with patient’s wishes.