

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES OF TEXAS GRADUATES OF DIPLOMA/ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAMS

Provider of Care:

- 1) Determine the health status and health needs of clients (individual and family) based upon interpretation of health data and preventive health practices in collaboration with clients (individual and family) and interdisciplinary health care team members.
- 2) Formulate goals/outcomes and plan of care based on nursing diagnoses in collaboration with clients (individual and family) and interdisciplinary health care team members.
- 3) Implement plan of care within legal and ethical parameters, including scope of practice, in collaboration with the client (individual and family) and interdisciplinary health care team to assist clients (individual and family) in meeting health care needs.
- 4) Develop and implement teaching plans for clients (individual and family) concerning promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health.
- 5) Evaluate clients' (individual and family) responses and outcomes to therapeutic interventions.
- 6) Provide for the care of multiple clients (individual and family) either through direct care or assignment and/or delegation of care to other members of the health care team.
- 7) Use critical thinking approach to analyze clinical data and current literature as a basis for decision making in nursing practice.

Coordinator of Care:

- 1) Coordinate human and material resources for the provision of care for clients* (individual and family).
- 2) Collaborate with clients (individual and family) and the interdisciplinary health care team for the planning and delivery of care.
- 3) Refer clients (individual and family) to resources that facilitate continuity of care.
- 4) Function within the organizational framework of various health care settings.

Member of a Profession:

- 1) Assume accountability and responsibility for the quality of nursing care provided to clients (individual and family).
- 2) Act as an advocate to promote the provision of quality health care clients (individual and family).
- 3) Participate in activities that promote the development and practice of professional nursing.

Ref: The Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas (September 2002)