



New Mexico State Personnel Office

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Classification Description

LICENSED PRACTICAL AND LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES

Class Title	Class Code	Pay Band	Alt Pay Band*
Licensed Practical & Licensed Voc Nrs-B	K2061B	40	50
Licensed Practical & Licensed Voc Nrs-O	K2061O	45	55
Licensed Practical & Licensed Voc Nrs-A	K2061A	50	60

**In accordance with SPB Rule 1.7.4.10 NMAC, the assignment to alternative pay bands shall be reviewed annually to determine their appropriateness.*

Occupation Description

Care for ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled persons in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.

Nature of Work

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs), or licensed vocational nurses (LVNs), care for people who are sick, injured, convalescent, or disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses. LPNs care for patients in many ways. Often, they provide basic bedside care. Many LPNs measure and record patients' vital signs such as height, weight, temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration. They also prepare and give injections and enemas, monitor catheters, dress wounds, and give alcohol rubs and massages. To help keep patients comfortable, they assist with bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene, moving in bed, standing, and walking. They might also feed patients who need help eating. Experienced LPNs may supervise nursing assistants and aides. LPNs collect samples for testing, perform routine laboratory tests, and record food and fluid intake and output. They clean and monitor medical equipment. Sometimes, they help physicians and registered nurses perform tests and procedures. Some LPNs help to deliver, care for, and feed infants. LPNs also monitor their patients and report adverse reactions to medications or treatments. LPNs gather information from patients, including their health history and how they are currently feeling. They may use this information to complete insurance forms, pre-authorizations, and referrals, and they share information with registered nurses and doctors to help determine the best course of care for a patient. LPNs often teach family members how to care for a relative or teach patients about good health habits.

Distinguishing Characteristics of Levels

Note: Examples of Work are intended to be cumulative for each progressively higher level of work. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning other duties which are reasonably within the scope of the duties.

Basic

- Employees in this Role assist and receive guidance in providing routine practical nursing services.

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- Employees administer duly prescribed medication per rules and regulations; observe, record and report clients' condition as appropriate.

Recommended Education and Experience for Full Performance

Accredited Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program graduate, and current licensure in good standing with the New Mexico Board of Nursing and one (1) year experience as an Licensed Practical Nurse in a hospital, home health or hospice, nursing home, physician office or public health setting.

Minimum Qualifications

Accredited Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program graduate, and current licensure in good standing from the New Mexico Board of Nursing.

Operational

- Employees in this Role independently provide a full range of practical nursing services of a routine, non-specialized nature in a hospital, institution, clinic or community health unit.
- Employees administer duly prescribed medication per rules and regulations; assist nursing staff with health programs; assist in planning and providing activities for clinic clients; observe, record and report clients' condition as appropriate.

Recommended Education and Experience for Full Performance*

Accredited Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program graduate, and current licensure in good standing with the New Mexico Board of Nursing and two (2) years of experience as an Licensed Practical Nurse in a hospital, home health or hospice, nursing home, physician office or public health setting.

Minimum Qualifications

Accredited Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program graduate, and current licensure in good standing from the New Mexico Board of Nursing.

Advanced

- Employees in this Role provide specialized and advanced practical nursing functions in a hospital, institution, clinic or community health unit.
- Employees direct the work of less experienced nursing staff; assist in the administration of special therapies; prepare and administer medications ordered by the physician, which may include those given intravenously; make home visits to provide nursing care and encourage the practice of better health habits.

Recommended Education and Experience for Full Performance

Accredited Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program graduate, and current licensure in good standing with the New Mexico Board of Nursing and four (4) years of experience as an Licensed Practical Nurse in a hospital, home health or hospice, nursing home, physician office or public health setting.

Minimum Qualifications

Accredited Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program graduate, and current licensure in good standing from the New Mexico Board of Nursing.

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Knowledge and Skills

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Knowledge

Medicine and Dentistry — Knowledge of the information and techniques needed to diagnose and treat human injuries, diseases, and deformities. This includes symptoms, treatment alternatives, drug properties and interactions, and preventive health-care measures.

Customer and Personal Service — Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Psychology — Knowledge of human behavior and performance; individual differences in ability, personality, and interests; learning and motivation; psychological research methods; and the assessment and treatment of behavioral and affective disorders.

English Language — Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.

Therapy and Counseling — Knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of physical and mental dysfunctions, and for career counseling and guidance.

Education and Training — Knowledge of principles and methods for curriculum and training design, teaching and instruction for individuals and groups, and the measurement of training effects.

Mathematics — Knowledge of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, statistics, and their applications.

Biology — Knowledge of plant and animal organisms, their tissues, cells, functions, interdependencies, and interactions with each other and the environment.

Administration and Management — Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources.

Skills

Active Listening — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Speaking — Talking to others to convey information effectively.

Critical Thinking — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

Reading Comprehension — Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.

Coordination — Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.

Service Orientation — Actively looking for ways to help people.

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Judgment and Decision Making — Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

Monitoring — Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

Social Perceptiveness — Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.

Time Management — Managing one's own time and the time of others.

Statutory Requirements: All applicants for this position must be licensed in accordance with the Nursing Practice Act § 61-3-2 through 61-3-31 NMSA 1978 and 16.12.1 through 16.12.20 NMAC, as applicable.

You must include your license or certificate number in the "License" section of the application form.

Conditions of Employment: Working Conditions for individual positions in this classification will vary based on each *agency's utilization, essential functions, and the recruitment needs* at the time a vacancy is posted. All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Default FLSA Status: Non-Exempt. FLSA status may be determined to be different at the agency level based on the agency's utilization of the position.

Bargaining Unit: This position may be covered by a collective bargaining agreement and all terms/conditions of that agreement apply and must be adhered to.

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**Adapted from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and are intended to illustrate the typical education and experience required for this occupation.*

Note: Classification description subject to change. Please refer to the SPO website www.spo.state.nm.us to ensure this represents the most current copy of the description.