



## Policy & Procedure

Preamble: The terms of licensure for Licensed Practical Nurses, and the related mandate of the regulatory body, The PEI Licensed Practical Nurses Registration Board, are determined by the Licensed Practical Nurses Act and Regulations. The regulations require an LPN to practice as a licensed practical nurse for a minimum 1000 hours in the immediately preceding five years to maintain eligibility for licensure. The hourly requirement is part of the currency in practice requirements for continued licensure.

The PEIPLNRB has the authority (granted under the Act and Regulations) to determine areas of practice that constitute practical nursing.

Nursing care maybe provided by LPNs for remuneration or in a non-salaried capacity.

## Policy

Hours qualifying for credit fall into the following categories:

- Direct Practice
- Related Practice
- Indirect Practice

For credit, a practical nurse must be licensed and be able to demonstrate LPN competencies are required for any of the above noted categories. Specifically, the position description must require the knowledge, skill and judgment of an LPN and require the LPN to hold a current license.

## Direct Practice: practical nursing care provided to clients

Direct Practice includes but it not limited to the following settings:

- Hospitals
- Long Term Care Homes
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Addiction Services
- Private Health Care Agencies
- Private Duty Nursing
- Community Health Agencies
- Physician Office

## Related Practice: Focused *practical nursing care provided to clients*

Related practice may include, but is not limited to the following settings:

Audio Metrist	Nursing Research Assistant
EEG/ EKG Tech	Nurse Educator
Dentist Office	Occupational Health
Insurance Industry ( Paramedical Exams*)	Infection Control
Medical Supply / Sales	Anesthetic Tech
Nutritional Counseling	Residential Counselor
Clinic Assistant / Blood Services	Home Health Care Consultant
Certified Foot Care	Adolescent Case Worker
Physio Assistant	Military Medical Tech
Orthopedics Tech	
Hemodialysis	

\* nursing exams required for insurance applications.

## Indirect Practice: Associated with practical nursing, but not directly involving client care.

Indirect practice may include, but is not limited to the following settings:

Association / Regulatory Practice
Worker's Compensation

## Hours not qualifying for credit:

An LPN shall not be credited for any hours worked while unlicensed.  
Hours worked as a nurse's aide, resident care worker, personal care worker, or ward clerk do not count towards the credit of hours protocol.

## Assessment Procedure for Credit of Hours

Any position description / scope of employment not clearly defined in the afore mentioned descriptions may be assessed for credit of hours.

## Appeal

A member has the right to appeal a decision regarding credit of hours for practice.

The member's appeal shall:

- be submitted to the PEILPNRB in writing;
- demonstrate how the *PEI Standards for LPN Practice* and the associated competencies are required in the practice setting.

The judgment of the PEILPNRB concerning the appeal is final.

## References

Manitoba Association of LPN Credit for Hours Criteria

Assessment of Work Responsibilities for Practical Nurse Applicants, Council of Licensed Practical Nurses (Newfoundland/Labrador)

Annual Report, 1988 – College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia Administrative Policy Evaluation for Credit (Policy & Procedure) 2008