



## ASSUMPTIONS

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In developing the competencies for the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination (CPNRE), the following assumptions were made.

1. The competencies represent the combined nursing knowledge, skills, behaviours, attitudes, critical thinking and clinical judgments required by entry-level practical nurses across Canada.
2. The foundation of practical nursing is defined by legislation, regulation, scope of practice, standards of practice, code of ethics and entry-level competencies.
3. Practical nurses are responsible and accountable for their decisions and actions.
4. Practical nurses provide, facilitate and promote safe, competent and ethical care.
5. Practical nurses demonstrate leadership in all aspects of practice.
6. Practical nurses deliver care while respecting diversity.
7. Practical nurses care for clients throughout the lifespan.
8. Practical nurses follow a systematic approach when applying the nursing process.
9. Educational programs prepare practical nurses to practise in a variety of settings where health care is promoted and delivered.
10. Practical nurses practise collaboratively, while respecting the shared and unique competencies of other members of the health-care team.
11. Practical nurses advocate for and facilitate change reflecting evidence-informed practice.
12. Practical nurses are knowledgeable about trends and issues that impact the client and the health-care team.
13. Practical nurses are active participants in health promotion, illness prevention, reduction of harm and risk management activities.
14. Practical nurses engage in continuous learning to maintain and enhance competence.