

Examples, FAQs, & Additional Guidance for Kentucky Board of Nursing RN/LPN Scope of Practice Comparison Chart

Teaching and Counseling

Involves those educational activities for patients based upon established written guidelines as delineated in a plan of care, and should include:

- Providing accurate and consistent information, demonstrations and guidance to patients, their families or significant others, regarding the patient's health status and healthcare according to a structured written teaching plan or guidelines for the purpose of:
 - Increasing patient's knowledge;
 - Assisting the patient to reach an optimum level of health functioning and participation in self-care;
 - Promoting the patient's ability to make informed decisions; and
 - Reinforcing the educational activities of other members of the health care team.

The LPN may participate in teaching and counseling through implementation of an established teaching plan or protocol. With appropriate training and competency assessment, an LPN may be assigned to complete patient education and training for easily scripted education components of a larger, comprehensive plan of care developed by the RN or qualified healthcare provider for a patient or group of patients. The LPN is not responsible for developing a teaching plan; rather, assist in reinforcing the education.

- **Example:** The LPN may provide patient education regarding medications, labs obtained, oxygen therapy, and reinforce the plan of care and education as necessary. The RN may provide education regarding nursing and medical diagnoses and the overall plan of care.