

60-15-102. Delegation procedures. Each registered professional nurse shall maintain the primary responsibility for delegating tasks to unlicensed persons. The registered professional nurse, after evaluating a licensed practical nurse's competence and skill, may decide whether the licensed practical nurse under the direction of the registered professional nurse may delegate tasks to unlicensed persons in the school setting. Each nurse who delegates nursing tasks or procedures to a designated unlicensed person in the school setting shall meet the requirements specified in this regulation.

- (a) Each registered professional nurse shall perform the following:
 - (1) Assess each student's nursing care needs;
 - (2) formulate a plan of care before delegating any nursing task or procedure to an unlicensed person; and
 - (3) formulate a plan of nursing care for each student who has one or more long-term or chronic health conditions requiring nursing interventions.
- (b) The selected nursing task or procedure to be delegated shall be one that a reasonable and prudent nurse would determine to be within the scope of sound nursing judgment and that can be performed properly and safely by an unlicensed person.
- (c) Any designated unlicensed person may perform basic caretaking tasks or procedures as defined in K.A.R. 60-15-101 (g) without delegation. After assessment, a nurse may delegate specialized caretaking tasks or procedures as defined in K.A.R. 60-15-101 (h) to a designated unlicensed person.
- (d) The selected nursing task or procedure shall be one that does not require the designated unlicensed person to exercise nursing judgment or intervention.
- (e) If an anticipated health crisis that is identified in a nursing care plan occurs, the unlicensed person may provide immediate care for which instruction has been provided.
- (f) The designated unlicensed person to whom the nursing task or procedure is delegated shall be adequately identified by name in writing for each delegated task or procedure.
- (g) Each registered professional nurse shall orient and instruct unlicensed persons in the performance of the nursing task or procedure. The registered professional nurse shall document in writing the unlicensed person's demonstration of the competency necessary to perform the delegated task or procedure. The designated unlicensed person shall co-sign the documentation indicating the person's concurrence with this competency evaluation.
- (h) Each registered professional nurse shall meet these requirements:
 - (1) Be accountable and responsible for the delegated nursing task or procedure;
 - (2) at least twice during the academic year, participate in joint evaluations of the services rendered;
 - (3) record the services performed; and
 - (4) adequately supervise the performance of the delegated nursing task or procedure in accordance with the requirements of K.A.R. 60-15-103.

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