



## Position Statement

### The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia (CLPNNS)

*is the regulatory body for the Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) of Nova Scotia and whose mandate is to protect the public while ensuring the profession of safe, competent and ethical nursing care.*

*The CLPNNS is responsible for setting, monitoring and enforcing the Code of Ethics and Standards of Nursing Practice for all LPNs in Nova Scotia.*

*The College supports and encourages LPNs to work to their full scope of practice within the clinical parameters defined by employers through policies and procedures.*



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## Use of Protected Title

**For Licensed Practical Nurses  
of Nova Scotia**

## INTRODUCTION

Section 24 of the LPN Act (CLPNNS, 2006) provides that ... no person, other than a registrant, shall ... use the title "Licensed Practical Nurse" or "Practical Nurse" or assume any title or description implying or designed to lead the public to believe that that person is entitled to practice practical nursing or use the designation "L.P.N.," "LPN," "P.N." or "PN" either alone or in combination with other words, letters or description, to imply that the person is entitled to practice practical nursing.

### ASSUMPTIONS OF THE USE OF PROTECTED TITLE BEING:

- The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia governs in accordance with provincial legislation under the Licensed Practical Nurses Act (2006).
  - LPN Regulations define the requirements needed for registration as a Licensed Practical Nurse. These requirements ensure individuals practicing in the profession have the skill, knowledge and judgment necessary to provide safe, competent and ethical care to the public.
  - Only currently licensed members of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of
- Nova Scotia can use the titles relating to practical nursing: LPN, Licensed Practical Nurse, GPN, Graduate Practical Nurse, PN, and Practical Nurse.
- Individuals who use the title of Licensed Practical Nurse, or any deviation of, without maintaining current registration with the CLPNNS are guilty of an offence and subject to legal action under Section 24 of the Licensed Practical Nurses Act (2006).

Individuals who unlawfully use titles relating to practical nursing are placing the public at risk and negatively impacting the practical nursing profession. Mandatory licensure protects, by law, the role of the practical nurse. Through self regulation the member is held to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Nursing Practice set forth by the College. The public is entitled to make informed choices about the health care services available to them and the qualifications of the individuals delivering those services (CLPNBC, 2000). Restricting the use of the professional title assists the CLPNNS in assuring the public that its members are accountable through a professional, ethical and legal framework.

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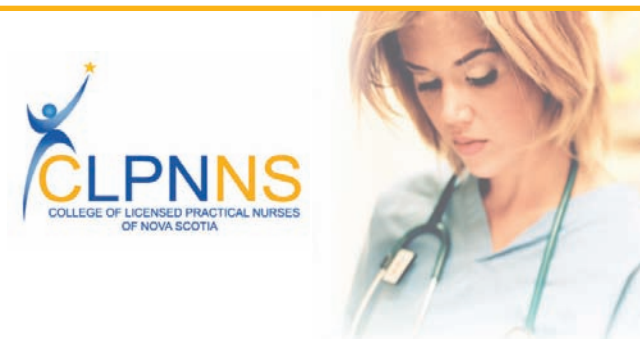
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#### MISSION

*In the interests of the public, the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia regulates the practice of Licensed Practical Nurses in the province.*

#### VISION

*A dynamically regulated profession committed to excellence.*