

DIMENSION THREE: LEGAL/ETHICAL PRACTICE

The licensed nurse complies with the Nursing Practice Act.

Instructions: The competency indicators below should be interpreted as broadly as possible to apply to your type of nursing position and principal setting of employment. Mark the box on the continuum from novice to expert that best describes your level of expertise for indicators 3.1 - 3.7.

Competency Indicators

Applicable portions of nursing law G.S. 90-171 and rules NCAC 21:36 are referenced.

Please check the appropriate box on the scale of 1-5 with

1 = novice; 2 = advanced beginner; 3 = competent; 4 = proficient and 5 = expert

	1	2	3	4	5
3.1 I understand my duty to report unsafe practice, professional misconduct to the appropriate individual or agency. 90-171.47					
3.2 I act as an advocate to protect and promote a client's right to autonomy, respect, privacy, dignity, and access to information. 90-171.20(4); 21 NCAC 36.0224(k)(3) and .0225(i)(3)					
3.3 I assume responsibility for ensuring that my relationships with clients are therapeutic and professional. 90-171.20(4), 21 NCAC 36.0217(c)					
3.4 I maintain confidentiality of information entrusted to me. 21 NCAC 36.0217(c)(17); 21 NCAC 36.0224(g)(4) and .0225(g)(3)					
3.5 I answer client questions to the best of my knowledge and refer clients to other professionals as necessary. 21 NCAC 36.0224(h) and .0225(h)					
3.6 I support/create an environment in which learning, professional growth, cooperation and mutual respect can occur. 21 NCAC 36.0224(g),(j)&(k) and .0225(g)&(i)					
3.7 I can identify alternate approaches to overcome obstacles and maximize health outcomes, including those related to end of life care. 21 NCAC 36.0224(c)-(e), (g); and .0225(c)-(e), (g)					

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