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**National League**  
*for* **Nursing**

**COMPONENTS**

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**COMPETENCIES**

## CORE COMPONENTS AND COMPETENCIES

### *Professional Behaviors*

Upon completion of the associate degree nursing program, the graduate will:

1. Practice within the ethical, legal, and regulatory frameworks of nursing and standards of professional nursing practice.
2. Report unsafe practice of healthcare providers using appropriate channels of communication.
3. Demonstrate accountability for nursing care given by self and/or delegated to others.
4. Use standards of nursing practice to perform and evaluate client care.
5. Advocate for client rights.
6. Maintain organizational and client confidentiality.
7. Practice within the parameters as they affect agency specific healthcare.
8. Describe political processes as they affect agency specific healthcare.
9. Participate as a member of professional organizations.
10. Serve as a positive role model within healthcare settings and the community at large.
11. Recognize the impact of economic, political, social, and demographic forces on the delivery of healthcare.
12. Participate in lifelong learning.
13. Develop and implement a plan to meet self-learning needs.
14. Delineate and maintain appropriate professional boundaries in the nurse client relationship.

### *Communication*

Upon completion of the associate degree nursing program, the graduate will:

1. Utilize therapeutic communications skills when interacting with clients and significant support person(s).
2. Communicate relevant, accurate, and complete information in a concise and clear manner.
3. Report and document assessment, interventions, and progress toward client outcomes.
4. Protect confidential information.
5. Utilize information technology to support and communicate the planning and provision of client care.
6. Utilize appropriate channels of communication to achieve positive client outcomes.

### *Assessment*

Upon completion of the associate degree nursing program, the graduate will:

1. Assess the interaction patterns of the individual client or significant support person(s).
2. Assess the impact of development, emotional, cultural, religious, and spiritual influences on the client's health status.
3. Assess the client's health status by completing a health history and performing a physical, cognitive, psychological, and functional assessment.

