



Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

## Section One Legal and Ethical Practice

The licensed nurse complies with the Nursing Practice Act.

Instructions: Reflect on the following statements, interpreting them as broadly as possible to apply to your nursing practice and principal practice setting.

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
1. I understand my duty to report unsafe or substandard nursing practices to the Nursing Commission. I know that mandatory reporting includes unprofessional conduct, boundary violations, and criminal convictions.					
2. I promote a patients' right to privacy by protecting their confidential information. I use patient information only for legitimate healthcare purposes.					
3. I have reviewed the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA) and nursing law related to boundary violations and sexual misconduct. My relationships with patients and clients are therapeutic and professional.					
4. I understand my responsibility to restrict my practice if I am not able to perform essential functions safely. This may be because of physical, emotional, or mental conditions or stressors, among other causes.					
5. I seek advice when I am unsure if actions expected of me exceed my legally recognized scope of practice.					
6. I am familiar and know how to use the Nursing Commission's Scope of Practice Decision Tree. <a href="http://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/hps6/Nursing/documents/tree.pdf">http://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/hps6/Nursing/documents/tree.pdf</a>					