

**Mississippi LPN Association
Student Nurses Organization
PREPARED SPEECH** Sept 2010

PURPOSE

To evaluate each PN student's ability to prepare and present clearly and effectively a series of thoughts relating to a theme.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

Business Attire

ELIGIBILITY

Must be a member of the Mississippi LPN Association.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. Supplied by the technical committee:
 - a. Stopwatch
 - b. Time cards
 - c. Speaker Stand
 - d. All necessary information and furnishings for judges and technical committee
2. Supplied by student:
 - a. **One** Note card, if desired

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

1. Contestants should prepare for public speaking by developing the following competencies:
 - a. Make a formal introduction.
 - b. Demonstrate good grooming in dress and personal hygiene.
 - c. Understand and practice elements of informal conversation.
 - d. Prepare a presentation on a given topic for a specific time.
 - e. Demonstrate an effective and pleasing delivery style.
 - f. Effectively use illustrations and examples.
 - g. Pronounce words in a clear and understandable manner.
 - h. Demonstrate good platform deportment and personal confidence.
 - i. Organize speech material in a logical and coherent manner.
 - j. Effectively vary voice in pitch, tone, tempo and volume.
2. The topic for the prepared speech will be the Mississippi LPN Association theme for the current year and include the professional role of the LPN and any job task of the LPN
3. The speech shall be five to seven minutes in length. **Penalty:** Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under five minutes or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over seven minutes.

4. **Time Limit** - Time will be started when the speech begins. The timer will signal the speaker at five minutes and at seven minutes. The contestant will be permitted to use a watch or clock.
5. A single note card will be permitted. The card should be no larger than 4" X 6" so as not to detract from the effectiveness of the speech. No other visual aides or props will be permitted.
6. Contestants will not mention their name, school, or city. **Penalty:** Five points will be deducted for each occurrence.

ARRANGEMENT OF ROOMS

1. Assembly room - An area in which contestants will wait their turn to speak will be provided.
2. Speech presentation room - A room will be furnished with speaker's stand (lectern) facing the audience and judges. There should also be two tables with two chairs each for judges and time keeper.