



# Board of Nursing Professional Licensure Requirements

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## Alabama

For RN and PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Requirements for RN and LPN programs](#) (click out of state programs; prelicensure programs)

Any program offering a pre-licensure track (LPN, RN) in Alabama shall meet all requirements of Alabama law for pre-licensure programs as specified in Code of Alabama (1975) § 34-21-21, § 34-21-22, § 34-21-5 and ABN Administrative Code sections 610-X-3-.02, 610-X-3-.03, 610-X-3-.04, 610-X-3-.05, 610-X-3-.07. Chapter 610-X-3 Nursing Education Programs

All applicants for LPN or RN licensure in Alabama must have completed an approved nursing education program which is approved by the ABN, or substantially meets the same educational criteria as Alabama nursing education programs in order to be eligible to sit for the national licensure examination required by ABN to enter practice as an LPN or RN upon successful passage of the NCLEX®.

Additional information regarding education requirements for Out of State Nursing Programs is available [here](#).

Graduates of a nursing program that has not met requirements as specified in **Code of Alabama** (1975) and **ABN Administrative Code** as noted above may not be eligible for licensure. For more information, see the following Declaratory Rulings:

[England Declaratory Ruling](#)

[Zwagil Declaratory Ruling](#)

[Kemble Declaratory Ruling](#)

[Eberhart Declaratory Ruling](#)

<https://www.abn.alabama.gov/nursing-programs/#tab-lpn>

NURSING PROGRAM  
TRANSCRIPT

You must request your nursing program to submit an official transcript to the ABN in a sealed envelope. Faxed transcripts are not accepted.

<https://www.abn.alabama.gov/apply/>

## Alaska

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- All RN applicants are required to have graduated from a program that is nationally nursing accredited

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing/NursingStatutesandRegulations.aspx>

## Arizona

For RN and LPN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- AZBN requirements for pre-licensure nursing programs may be found in [AZBN's Rules and Regulations, Article 2. Arizona Registered and Practical Nursing Programs:](#)
  - R4-19-201. Organization and Administration
  - R4-19-203. Administrator; Qualifications and Duties
  - R4-19-205. Students; Policies and Admissions
  - R4-19-206. Curriculum

### 32-1632. [Qualifications of registered nurse; application for license](#)

An applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse shall file with the board a verified written application accompanied by the prescribed fee and shall submit satisfactory proof that:

1. The applicant has completed satisfactorily the basic curriculum in an approved registered nursing program and holds a diploma or degree from that program.
2. The applicant, if convicted of one or more felonies, has received an absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions three or more years before the date of filing an application pursuant to this chapter.
3. If the applicant has been convicted of a felony pursuant to section 13-604, the court has entered judgment of conviction for a class 1 misdemeanor.

<https://www.azleg.gov/viewdocument/?docName=http://www.azleg.gov/ars/32/01632.htm>

<https://www.azbn.gov/laws-and-rules/statutes>

## Arkansas

PN and RN Licensure Requirements:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- Eligibility for licensure as a practical or registered nurse is considered after successful completion of a Board approved nursing education program; however, completion of a nursing program does not guarantee the Arkansas State Board of Nursing's approval to take the licensure examination. All applicants for licensure shall complete a criminal background check per ACA §17-87-312 . No person shall be eligible to receive or hold a license issued by the Board if that person has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty by any court in the State of Arkansas, or of any similar offense by a court in another state, or of any similar offense by a federal court of any offense listed in ACA §17-3-102.
- If you graduated from a nursing program outside of Arkansas, your nursing education program director must complete a paper Affidavit of Graduation form and mail it directly to the Arkansas Board of Nursing.
- Click [here](#) for a copy of the paper Affidavit of Graduation form.

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arsbn-rn-initial-by-exam>

## California

For RN licensure:

- [Licensure by Examination](#)
- All applicants must have completed an educational program meeting all California requirements. If you are lacking any educational requirements, you must successfully complete an approved course prior to taking the examination.

**Out of State Nursing Programs:** If you attended a nursing program in another State, you may have your transcripts sent to our Board electronically from a certified third-party electronic transcripts vendor such as Parchment, National Student Clearinghouse, or directly from your school. Electronic transcripts must be sent to [brn.etranscripts@dca.ca.gov](mailto:brn.etranscripts@dca.ca.gov).

## Colorado

For PN and RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;

- [Licensure Requirements \(Page 2\)](#)

3.3 A Graduate of a nursing education program approved by a board of nursing of another state or territory of the United States is eligible to take the NCLEX examination for professional or practical nursing, provided that:

- A. The applicant graduated from a traditional nursing education program that was accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and/or Council for Higher Education Accreditation and approved by a board of nursing of a state or territory of the United States;
- B. An official school transcript reflecting completion of institutional requirements for the degree/diploma/certificate and the date of completion is provided in a manner approved by the Board; and
- C. All other requirements of state law and these Chapter 1 Rules and Regulations are met.

<https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing/RNApplications>

## Connecticut

For RN licensure:

- [Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements](#)
- [RN licensure information](#)

20-90-46. Types of programs (a) All programs that prepare the graduate for licensure by examination as a registered nurse shall be approved by the board with the consent of the commissioner. Only those programs within one of the following types of organizations are eligible for approval: (1) College or university: A program conducted by an educational unit in nursing within the structure of a college or university approved pursuant to Section 10a-34 of the Connecticut General Statutes leading to an associate, baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing.

20-90-59. Out-of-state programs (a) A program in nursing located in another state or territory of the United States shall be deemed approved pursuant to section 20-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided that: (1) said program, if a registered nursing education program, complies with the provisions of section 20-90-52 of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies: (2) said program is approved by the duly authorized nurse licensure board or agency of the state or territory in which it is located: and (3) said state or territory maintains licensure requirements substantially similar to or higher than those of this state. (b) A program in nursing located in another state or territory of the United States which provides clinical experience to students in cooperating health care agencies in this state shall comply with the provisions of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies contained in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 20-90-48 and subsection (b) of section 20-90-48. Faculty providing on-site clinical supervision to students in cooperating health care agencies in this state shall: (1) maintain an active registered nurse license in this state: (2) have earned baccalaureate and master's degrees, one of which must be in nursing: and (3) have clinical experience in their teaching area. (Effective December 30, 1994)



[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/practitioner\\_licensing\\_and\\_investigations/plis/nursing/nursingregulationspdf.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/practitioner_licensing_and_investigations/plis/nursing/nursingregulationspdf.pdf)

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Registered-Nurse/RN-Licensure-by-Examination>

## Delaware

For LPN and RN licensure:

Delaware has not made a determination of whether an out of state school meets curriculum requirements. Instead, for RN licensure, Delaware requires that an RN applicant must:

- Graduate from a board approved nursing program in the state where the program is located.
- Have completed at least 200 clinical hours for an LPN program and 400 clinical hours for a RN program.
- An official transcript **showing the degree you received and the date** if you received your Nursing education in the U.S. or a U.S. territory other than Puerto Rico. The school must send the transcript **directly** to the Board office. The Board office cannot approve you to sit for the examination until it receives this final transcript.
  - The nursing program must be acceptable to the Board. Section 2.4.1 of the Board's [Rules and Regulations](#) explains the criteria for an acceptable Nursing program, such as 200 hours of clinical experience required for LPN students and at least 400 hours of clinical experience required for RN students. If your program is in Delaware, see [Approved Delaware Nursing Education & Refresher Programs](#) .
  - If 12 months or more have elapsed since your graduation, you must submit a Service Request to re-take the exam (after one year after graduation) in [DELPROS](#).
  - If two years (24 months) or more have elapsed since your graduation, you are required to submit evidence of completing an NCLEX review course within the previous six months. To be acceptable, the course must include a test(s) and provide either a certificate or letter from the provider as proof of completion. (An email or payment receipt from the course provider is not sufficient.) Before enrolling, make sure that the course meets these requirements. To find a course, we suggest you check with your school of nursing, visit NCSBN Learning Extension at [learningext.com](http://learningext.com) or search on the internet.
  - If five years (60 months) or more have elapsed since your graduation, you are no longer eligible for licensure by examination.
- A [Nursing School Reference Form](#)  sent directly from your school.

<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/exam/>



<https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title24/1900.shtml>

## District of Columbia

For LPN and RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- [RN Application and Requirements Checklist](#)

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT - An Official Transcript must be received indicating date the degree was conferred or date of graduation. Official Transcript (with seal) from the applicant's school of nursing, may be sent directly from the school, but is preferred that it accompany the application in a sealed envelope. E transcripts are also accepted. They must be sent directly from the school to the Board of Nursing's email address at: [bon.dc@dc.gov](mailto:bon.dc@dc.gov).

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/bon>

## Florida

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a program approved by the Board of Nursing in the state/jurisdiction that the program is located in

<https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/>

## Georgia

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program

[Georgia Board of Nursing - Licensing by Exam](#)

## Hawaii

(f) Applicants applying for a license to practice as a registered nurse by examination shall submit to the board proof of eligibility. Applicants shall be eligible to apply for a license by examination if they have:  
(1) Graduated from a registered nursing program at an educational institution in the United States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of the United States and are qualified as determined by the board through rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91;

[https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/08/HRS\\_457-Nurses0716.pdf](https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/08/HRS_457-Nurses0716.pdf)

## Idaho

For RN licensure:

- Graduate from a RN program that is approved by the Board of Nursing in the home state.
  - a. The program must meet substantially the same basic educational requirements as graduates of Idaho nursing education programs.
- Faculty who teach Idaho nursing students must have the privilege to practice in Idaho as a RN.
- Faculty must have the appropriate BSN/MSN qualifications depending on the program they are providing instruction for.
- When applying for licensure, the applicant will need to provide official transcripts or Affidavit of Graduation documenting graduation that qualifies them to sit for the NCLEX.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## Illinois

### **Section 1300.300 Application for Examination or Licensure**

- a) Each applicant shall file, with the Division or the testing service designated by the Division, a completed, signed application, on forms supplied by the Division, that includes:
  - 1) Proof of graduation from a nursing education program that meets the requirements of Section 1300.40;
  - 2) Verification of fingerprint processing from ISP or its designated agent. (Practical nurses licensed in Illinois are not required to be fingerprinted when applying for a license as a registered professional nurse.) Applicants shall contact an Illinois-licensed fingerprint vendor for fingerprint processing. Out-of-state residents may have their fingerprints taken by an out-of-state vendor but the fingerprints must be processed by an Illinois Livescan Vendor. Fingerprints shall be taken within the 60 days prior to application;
  - 3) The fees required by Section 1300.30(a)(1);

<https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068013000C03000R.html>

p) The Division has determined that nurse programs approved through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCEN), Accreditation Commission for Education Nursing (ACEN), or the US Department of Education meet the requirements set forth in this Section, except for those programs whose curriculums do not include a concurrent theory and clinical practice education component as required by Section 50-70 of the Act.

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/illinois/III-Admin-Code-tit-68-SS-1300.340>

## Indiana

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [RN Requirements](#)

## Application by Examination

There are two types of applications to be completed (the NCLEX Candidate Bulletin and the Indiana licensure application). Both the Indiana licensure application and the [NCLEX registration](#) process must be completed before eligibility to take the examination can be granted by the Indiana State Board of Nursing.

1. **State Application:** Applications may be submitted online at [MyLicense.IN.gov](#) or completed by [paper](#) and mailed to our office ([Foreign graduates see section below](#)). Applicants may request a Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) license during the application process. If you have ever held a license as a nurse previously in Indiana, and are applying again for the same license type, please contact our office at (317) 234-2043 or by email at [pla2@pla.in.gov](mailto:pla2@pla.in.gov) to inquire about reactivating your previous license.
2. **Application Fee of \$50.00:** Pay by credit or debit card for applications submitted online at MyLicense.IN.gov. If applying by paper/mail make checks or money orders payable to Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. If a NLC license is requested on the application, there is an additional \$25.00 fee. All application fees are nonrefundable.
3. **Name Change Documentation:** Documentation of any legal name change if your name differs from that on any of your documents. Documentation may include a copy of your marriage certificate or divorce decree.
4. **Positive Response Documentation:** If you answer "Yes" to any disciplinary/background questions on the application, explain fully in a statement that includes all details. Include the violation, location, date and disposition. Submit copies of court documents for each instance to support the statement. If malpractice, provide the name(s) of the plaintiff(s).
5. **Education:** High school information will need to be entered on the application as well as the nursing program information. If you have not completed high school a copy of your

GED scores must accompany the application. ([Foreign graduates see additional information below](#))

6. **Criminal Background Check:** If you submit a paper application, a confirmation email advising you to do your criminal background check will be sent to the email address supplied on the application. If the application is submitted online, you may start your criminal background check process *after the receipt screen appears* after submitting your online application and payment. Applicants who complete a criminal background check prior to their application being received will be required to complete another criminal background check.
7. **Verification of Licensure:** We must receive verification from every state, territory, and country that you hold or have held a license in a health profession. ([Foreign graduates see additional information below](#))
  1. States that participate in NURSYS are as follows: AL, AR, CO, DE, DC, FL, ID, IN, IA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MN, MS, MO, MT, NB, NH, NJ, NM, NC, ND, OH, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV-PN only, WI and WY. You can register online at <http://www.nursys.com/>.
  2. Jurisdictions not using the NURSYS program need to be sent a Verification of State Licensure form. They should return this form back to the Indiana Board of Nursing or submit their own form including all requested information. Please check with each state and territory to see if there is a fee for this service. Verification needs to be sent from every state and territory that you hold or have ever held a nursing license.
  3. You must also provide verification of all health related licenses and certificates you hold or have held, including but not limited to CNA licenses, EMT certifications, etc.
8. **Certificate of Completion/Transcripts from Nursing Program:** This certificate of completion must be completed by the Dean, Director, or Designee of the domestic program of nursing with an original signature and received at the Board's address before you can be declared eligible to take the examination. This form must be provided directly from the program of nursing. The Board will not accept a certificate of completion form provided by parties other than the nursing program's Dean, Director, or Designee. If the program was completed more than 6 months before the application submission, transcripts may be sent directly to us from the nursing program showing the degree and date of graduation.

**All documents being sent to our office from a direct source should be mailed to:**

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency  
Attn: Nursing Board  
402 West Washington Street  
Room W072  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

<https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/indiana-state-board-of-nursing/licensed-practical-nurse/application-by-examination/>

## Iowa

For LPN and RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Requirements for programs](#)

“Approved nursing program” means a nursing education program whose status has been recognized by the board or by a similar board in another jurisdiction that prepares individuals for licensure as a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, or advanced registered nurse practitioner; or grants a baccalaureate, master’s or doctorate degree with a major in nursing.

655—3.3(17A,147,152,272C) Licensure qualifications for registered nurse and licensed practical nurse. Applicants shall meet the requirements set forth in Iowa Code sections 147.3 and 152.7.

Requirements include:

1. Graduation from an approved nursing program preparing registered nurses as defined in Iowa Code section 152.5(1) for registered nurse applicants or graduation from an approved nursing program preparing practical nurses as defined in Iowa Code section 152.5(1) for licensed practical nurse applicants.
2. Passing NCLEX® or the State Board Test Pool Examination, the national examination used prior to 1982.
3. Board approval of an applicant with a criminal history or a record of prior disciplinary action, regardless of jurisdiction. [ARC 8222B, IAB 10/7/09, effective 11/11/09; ARC 1815C, IAB 1/7/15, effective 2/11/15; ARC 4413C, IAB 4/24/19, effective 5/29/19]

655—3.4(17A,147,152,272C)

Licensure by examination.

3.4(1) Board application. A graduate of an approved nursing program seeking initial licensure shall submit the following: a. A completed application for licensure by examination. b. Payment of the application fee. c. Two completed fingerprint cards and a signed waiver form to facilitate a national criminal history background check. d. Copies of relevant court documents if the applicant has a criminal history. e. Official transcript denoting the date of graduation and diploma or degree conferred sent directly to the board from the nursing program

## Kansas

For RN licensure:

- [Must graduate from a board-approved program](#)
- RN Education regulations found in **K.A.R. 60-2-104** and contain the following requirements:
  - *Content in biological, physical, social and behavioral sciences – must have A&P*
  - *Content in growth & development / developmental psychology*
  - *A minimum of 30 credit hours in nursing courses*
  - *Nursing courses must have theory and direct clinical experience across the lifespan*

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## Louisiana

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program

## Maine

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- The program must be approved by another BON. When Maine reviews applications from individuals that graduated from another state, the program must be equitable to a program approved in Maine. National nursing program accreditation has been required for Maine programs since January 1, 2015. The Board defines “National Nursing Accreditation” as accreditation by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or other agency approved by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency.
- The RN applicant must also have completed a course of study of not less than 2 years in an approved program in professional nursing and holds a degree, diploma or certificate.
- [RN Licensure by Examination Requirements Link](#)

Transcript(s) 1. Applicants graduating from out-of-state programs must have the school send or e-mail a final transcript with degree and date conferred to: • Maine State Board of Nursing 158 SHS Augusta ME 04333 or • [diana.k.lemelin@maine.gov](mailto:diana.k.lemelin@maine.gov)

School Certification 1. The school must complete the Certification of School Form for on-line applicants located at [www.maine.gov/boardofnursing](http://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing) in the licensing section under examination.

<https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/RN%20Exam%20Licensure%20Requirements.pdf>

## Maryland

### Registered nurses

(b) An applicant for a license to practice registered nursing shall complete satisfactorily and meet all requirements for a diploma or degree from:

(1) A registered nursing education program approved by the Board; or

(2) An education program in registered nursing in any other state or country that the Board finds substantially equivalent to the education program in this State at the time of the applicant's graduation.

<https://govt.westlaw.com/mdc/Document/NBAD7CBB06DCC11E799A4C440C6302D98?transitionType=Default&contextData=%28sc.Default%29>

## Massachusetts

For RN and LPN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- Are of **Good Moral Character, as defined by state law**
- Have passed the **National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)**
- If you were educated outside of the United States, see our **information for foreign educated nurses**.
- If you were educated outside of Massachusetts, see **Information for Graduates of US Nursing Programs and Eligibility for Licensure in Massachusetts**

## Massachusetts Board of Nursing

### Information for Graduates of US Nursing Programs and Eligibility for Licensure in Massachusetts

Does my nursing education meet the standards required to be licensed in Massachusetts?

244 CMR 8.00 Initial Licensure by Examination or Reciprocity requires graduation from an approved nursing education program.

Approved Nursing Education Program means a nursing education program for Registered Nurses or Practical Nurses, as applicable, located in Massachusetts and approved by the Board pursuant to [244 CMR 6.00](#), or a nursing education program located outside Massachusetts which, in the opinion of the Board, maintains **standards substantially the same** as those required for approval of a nursing education program in Massachusetts *and* which program is approved by the nursing board or corresponding body in the jurisdiction where the program is located.

Based on the Certificate of Graduation, the following information is evaluated to determine that the standards of the nursing program are substantially the same to those required by regulation in Massachusetts:

- the nursing education program was approved by the legal approving authority during the licensure applicant's enrollment;
- parent institution is accredited;
- the curriculum includes theoretical and clinical components for nursing across the lifespan (this includes: Medical/Surgical, Pediatrics, Obstetrical, and Mental Health);
- if program is an online program, the Program must be authorized to operate by distance education; and
- if the graduate completed any of their clinical rotations in Massachusetts, the Program must be authorized to operate in Massachusetts.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/information-for-graduates-of-us-nursing-programs-and-eligibility-for-licensure-in-massachusetts/download>

## Michigan

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS (EXCEPT RENEWAL)

- Criminal Background Check – Once the online application is completed and submitted you will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check (except those applicants seeking relicensure, if the license expired within the last three years.)
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking a license.
- Human Trafficking – Beginning January 6, 2022, completion of training to identify victims of human trafficking is required for initial licensure.
- Social Security Number – An individual applying for licensure is required to provide his or her social security number at the time of application. If exempt under law from obtaining an SSN or



do not have an SSN, the SSN affidavit form will be required to be uploaded at the time the application is submitted.

- Verification of Licensure – If you hold a current license or ever held a license as a nurse, verification of licensure will be required to be submitted directly to this office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States in which you hold or ever held a license. Verification can be emailed to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov) or mailed to Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO BOX 30670, Lansing, MI 48909
- English Language Proficiency – An individual applying for licensure must demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language. This can be established if either the applicant’s required health professional educational program was taught in English, a transcript establishes the applicant earned not less than 60 college level credits from an English-speaking graduate or undergraduate school, or that the applicant obtained a passing score on an approved English proficiency exam as established by the department under R 338.7002b(2) of the Public Health Code – General Rules.
- Implicit Bias Training– Beginning June 1, 2022, completion of 2 hours of implicit bias training within the 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license or registration is required. This requirement does not apply to applicants for relicensure.
- Professional Education – Name of School Attended and Name of Educational Program Completed

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RN LICENSURE BY EXAM FOR THOSE WHO ARE

#### GRADUATES OF APPROVED NURSING SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES

- Final, Official Transcripts or the Michigan Nursing School Certification Form, if applicable– This must be submitted directly to our office from the nursing school attended and meet the standards set forth by the Board.
- Passing NCLEX-RN Examination Scores – Score reports will be received directly from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

<https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/bpl/Nursing/Licensing-Info-and-Forms/Nursing-Licensing-Guide.pdf?rev=5054f3c39d9141b89e12446581e19a0b>

## Minnesota

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Requirements by examination](#)

6305.0400 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION.

Subpart 1. Licensure application. An applicant shall obtain the application for licensure and instructions for filing from the board. An applicant shall respond to questions on the application that relate to the grounds for disciplinary action in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.261. An applicant shall submit true information. Falsification or omission of information provides grounds for disciplinary action. If an application is received without a fee, it shall be returned to the applicant.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 18 SR 2195]

Subp. 3. Further evidence. The board may require further information of the applicant in order to determine whether the applicant has engaged in conduct warranting disciplinary action as set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.261.

Subp. 4. Graduation or eligibility for graduation from approved professional nursing program. An applicant who has graduated from or is eligible for graduation from an approved professional nursing program is eligible for licensure as a registered nurse.

Subp. 8. Confirmation of program completion.

A. Confirmation of graduation or a transcript is required if an applicant graduated from an approved nursing program in a United States jurisdiction or Canadian province. If an applicant submits confirmation of graduation, the confirmation must be completed and signed by an official of the nursing program or controlling institution and must bear the seal or stamp of the program or controlling institution. If the applicant submits a transcript, it must be an official transcript from the educational institution or nursing program that verifies that the applicant has graduated from the nursing program.

B. Confirmation of eligibility for graduation is required if an applicant is eligible to graduate from an approved nursing program in a United States jurisdiction or Canadian province. If an applicant submits a confirmation of eligibility for graduation, the confirmation must be completed and signed by an official of the nursing program or controlling institution and must bear the seal or stamp of the program or controlling institution.

C. If the board finds after the examination has been taken that the confirmation of program completion was completed in error, the examination results shall not be released nor action taken on the application until the applicant has met all requirements for program completion. If there is evidence that the applicant was aware of not meeting program requirements before the examination and did not inform the board, the matter may be handled through a disciplinary proceeding.

## Mississippi

### **NURSING PROGRAM**

You must have graduated from a nursing program (RN or LPN) which *substantially meets the same educational criteria* as Mississippi

**GRADUATION**

nursing programs.

**NURSING  
PROGRAM  
TRANSCRIPT**

You must request your nursing program to submit an official transcript to the Mississippi Board of Nursing in a sealed envelope to the address below. Transcripts can be sent electronically through your nursing program using Escript. Faxed transcripts are not accepted.

**713 Pear Orchard Suite 300  
Ridgeland, MS 39157**

<https://www.msbn.ms.gov/licensure/what-licensure-examination>

Rule 1.9 Requirements for Examination Applicants from other State-Approved Programs in the United States or Territories. Applicants from other state-approved programs in the United States or territories shall be eligible to qualify for licensure by examination in Mississippi and must:

- A. Submit an official transcript to the board that indicates graduate has successfully completed a program that meets substantially the same or exceeds nursing program educational content requirements in Mississippi;
- B. Submit official documentation of eligibility for graduation to the board if applicant has met all requirements for graduation, but degree has not been formally conferred. Such applicant must submit an official transcript within 30 days after the degree is conferred. Failure to submit such transcript shall result in the voiding of the license;
- C. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-19 (1) and 73-15-21 (1);
- D. Submit completed board application;
- E. Pay required nonrefundable application fee upon submission of application to the board;
- F. Submit the application by deadline dates established by the board;
- G. Register for the examination with the designated testing service; and
- H. Pay required fee upon examination registration to the designated testing service.

<https://www.msbn.ms.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2.%20Part%202810%20-%20Examinations%20%26%20Licensure.pdf>

## Missouri

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Requirements for RN programs](#)

<https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-licensure-rn.asp>

## Montana

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- Montana's licensure by exam requirements for Registered Nurse (RN) applicants:  
ARM [24.159.1224](#)

### **24.159.1224 RN LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION**

- (1) An applicant for licensure as an RN by examination shall submit to the board the required fees and a completed application, including the following information:
  - (a) an official transcript, sent to the board directly from the educational institution, verifying date of graduation and degree or credential conferred;
  - (b) proof of successful passage of NCLEX-RN;
  - (i) Applicants must complete all educational requirements and the board must receive all credentials prior to determining the applicant eligible to test.
  - (ii) Candidates failing the examination are not eligible to retest for a period determined by the testing entity, and must submit an examination retake fee.
  - (c) license verification and, if not in English, a certified translation, from any state, territory, or country in which the applicant holds or has held a professional license or credential;
  - (d) documentation, including jurisdiction and date, of any previous professional license denial or withdrawal of application; and
  - (e) detailed explanation and supporting documentation for each affirmative answer to background questions on application.
- (2) Applications are kept on file for one year. Applicants failing to complete the application process within one year must complete a new application and submit new application fees.
- (3) Internationally educated RN license applicants must comply with requirements in ARM [24.159.1229](#).

<https://rules.mt.gov/gateway/RuleNo.asp?RN=24.159.1224>

## Nebraska

For LPN and RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Approval of Basic Nursing Programs in Nebraska \(Chapter 97\)](#)

More information for RNs and LPNs:

101-003.01 Licensure by Examination 101-003.01A Requirements for Licensure as a Practical Nurse (PN) or a Registered Nurse (RN) by Examination:

An applicant for a license to practice on the basis of an examination must:

- Be of good moral character;
- Have completed four years of high school study or its equivalent as determined by the Board. The completion of an approved RN or PN program is sufficient evidence of having completed the equivalent of four years of high school study;
- Have completed the basic curriculum in an approved program of practical nursing (for LPN licensure) or registered nursing (for LPN or RN licensure) and hold a diploma therefrom;
- Pass the NCLEX-PN® (for LPN licensure) or the NCLEX-RN® (for RN licensure).

004. PRELICENSURE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS. Prelicensure nursing education programs must meet the following program standards. A program shall provide evidence to the Board that these standards have been met on an annual basis.

(A) Obtain national or specialized nursing program accreditation within 10 years of adoption of these regulations;

(B) Maintain national or specialized nursing program accreditation;

(C) Implement and maintain a comprehensive, systematic plan for ongoing evaluation based on program outcomes and incorporates continuous improvement;

(D) National Council Licensure Exam pass rates at 80% per year or a 3 year average consistent with the national average;

(E) At a minimum, 35% of the total faculty (including all clinical adjunct, part-time, or other faculty) are employed at the institution as full-time faculty;

(F) Retention of faculty and administration above the state average;

(G) No significant change in completion or attrition rates;

- (H) Student faculty ratio that does not exceed ratios defined in 172 NAC 97-007.02;
- (I) No significant loss of clinical contracts or lack of meeting requirements for clinical experiences;
- (J) Provides annual report data and complies with curriculum revision or review or site visit requirements;
- (K) Track and share complaints to Board of Nursing or other Nursing Regulatory Body from students, faculty, clinical sites or the public;
- (L) Have less than three program directors in a five year period; and
- (M) Frequent faculty reductions or frequent turnover in number of faculty

[https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health\\_and\\_Human\\_Services\\_System/Title-172/Chapter-097.pdf](https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-172/Chapter-097.pdf)

## Nevada

For LPN and RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [RN/LPN Endorsement requirements](#)
- [RN/LPN Exam requirements](#)

\* Out-of-state graduates - \* Order an official transcript, which must indicate a nursing degree and graduation date, sent to the Board directly from the school.

Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Suite 300, Reno, NV 89502-6547 Fax: (775) 687-7707 or (702) 486-4803, Email: [nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us](mailto:nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us) [www.nevadanursingboard.org](http://www.nevadanursingboard.org).

<https://nevadanursingboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/RNLPNbyExamAppInstructions.pdf>

## New Hampshire

For RN and LPN licensure:

### **Nur 302.02 Qualifications for Initial Registered and Practical Nurses Licensure by Examination**

Each applicant for an initial registered or practical nurse license by examination shall:

(a) Meet the general requirements of Nur 302.01; and

(b) Meet either education requirement:

(1) Graduated from a board approved nursing education program in the United States or Canada that meets the requirements set forth in Nur 600, including the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN course requirements; or

(2) Graduated from a nursing program outside the United States or Canada;

(c) Take and pass either the:

(1) NCLEX exam if a graduate of a board approved nursing education program in the United States or Canada; or

(2) A nationally accepted accrediting agency examination endorsed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing examination and NCLEX if a graduate of a board approved nursing education program outside the United States or Canada.

More RN and LPN information:

- Nur 602.12 Curricular Requirements

(a) The curriculum shall be derived from the program's written philosophy and organizing framework and shall demonstrate logical sequencing and internal consistency.

(b) To promote health and prevent disease, registered nurse programs shall provide a minimum of 1080 hours of nursing classroom instruction and concurrent clinical practice offering students the opportunity to care for individuals, families, groups and communities during various developmental stages who are experiencing physiological, or psychosocial, or environmental disruptions.

(c) To promote health and prevent disease practical nurse programs shall provide a minimum of 600 hours of nursing classroom instruction and concurrent clinical practice offering students the opportunity to care for individual, families, groups and communities during various developmental stages that shall be considered to be in physiologically or psychosocially, noncomplex, stable situations.

(d) Curricular content related to nursing courses shall include concurrent theoretical and clinical components designed to provide instructional activities benefiting individuals, families, and groups across the life span.

(e) Curriculum components shall include:

(1) Experiences that promote clinical judgment, clinical management, and commitment to improving quality and safety of the health care system; and

(2) Evidence-based learning experiences and methods of instruction, including distance education methods, which are consistent with the curriculum, provided that:

a. Faculty supervised clinical practice shall provide clinical hours consistent with Nur 602.12 (b), (c) and (d);

b. Simulation may be utilized as a teaching strategy in laboratory and clinical settings to meet objectives for purpose of calculating the hours in the curriculum;

c. Simulation will not be in lieu of an entire clinical experience; and

d. Clinical experiences, including those with preceptors, shall be directed by readily available nurse-educator faculty members;

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## New Jersey

For RN licensure:

Licensure by Examination:

[N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.2; 2.2](#); Each applicant for licensure shall file with the Board:

1. Complete application form, provided by the Board, which requests information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;
2. The nonrefundable application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5(a) 1; and
3. A written certification from the registrar, or program administrator authorized by the registrar, attesting that the applicant has successfully completed all requirements for graduation from a registered professional nursing program accredited by the Board or a board of nursing in another state or a licensed practical nursing program accredited by the Board or by a board of nursing in another state. The certification shall indicate the date of graduation or the date the degree or diploma was conferred.

• 13:37-4.1 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

4. A registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse licensed in another state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who wishes to be licensed in New Jersey may be licensed by endorsement in this State if he or she meets the requirements for licensure as set forth in N.J.S.A. 45:1-14 et seq., 45:11-26 and 45:11-27.



- 13:37-4.2 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

a) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit or arrange to submit the following to the Board:

- 1) A completed application form, provided by the Board, which requests information concerning the applicant's educational and experiential background;
- 2) A non-refundable initial license fee and application for licensure by endorsement fee as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5(a)3 and 4; and
- 3) Written or electronic verification of status of licensure from every state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the applicant was ever licensed. The verification shall either be forwarded directly to the Board from the applicable state board, if written, or if electronic, be issued by the applicable state board.

#### N.J.S.A 45:11-26. Professional Nurses

a. Qualifications of applicants. An applicant for a license to practice professional nursing shall submit to the board evidence in such form as the board may prescribe that said applicant: (1) has attained his or her eighteenth birthday; (2) is of good moral character, is not a habitual user of drugs and has never been convicted or has not pleaded nolo contendere, non vult contendere or non vult to an indictment, information or complaint alleging a violation of any Federal or State law relating to narcotic drugs; (3) holds a diploma from an accredited 4-year high school or the equivalent thereof as determined by the New Jersey State Department of Education; (4) has completed a course of professional nursing study in an accredited school of professional nursing as defined by the board and holds a diploma therefrom.

Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any person who possesses the educational and school of professional nursing qualifications for registration required by the law of this State at the time of his or her graduation from an accredited school of professional nursing shall be deemed to possess the qualifications (3) and (4) prescribed hereinabove in this subsection.

Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any person who shall have qualifications (1) and (2) and shall have graduated from a school of professional nursing, which need not be an accredited school, shall be deemed to have qualifications (3) and (4) upon complying with such reasonable requirements as to high school and school of nursing studies and training as the board may prescribe; provided, however, that such person shall make application in form prescribed by the board within 1 year from the effective date of this act and shall satisfactorily complete such reasonable requirements and successfully pass the examinations, which examinations shall be limited to subject matters in the curriculum required by the board at the time of the applicant's graduation, provided for in subsection b. hereof, within 2 years after the date of the filing of such application.

b. License.

(1) By examination. The applicant shall be required to pass a written examination in such subjects as the board may determine, which examination may be supplemented by an oral or

practical examination or both. Upon successfully passing such examinations the applicant shall be licensed by the board to practice professional nursing.

(2) By indorsement without examination. The board may issue a license to practice professional nursing without examination to an applicant who has been duly licensed or registered as a registered or professional nurse by examination or by original waiver under the laws of another State, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or any foreign country, if in the opinion of the board the applicant has the qualifications required by this act for the licensing of professional nurses, or equivalent qualifications.

c. Fees. An applicant for a license by examination shall pay to the board at the time of application a fee of \$25.00 and at the time of each application for re-examination a fee of \$20.00. An applicant for a license without examination shall pay to the board at the time of application a fee of \$15.00.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## New Mexico

For RN licensure:

- Successful completion of a Board approved program. If the state does not approve pre-licensure nursing programs, national programmatic accreditation (i.e. ACEN, CCNE, CNEA) is required.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## New York

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- [Program registration guidance documents](#)

**RN Pathway #2 - Graduates of Nursing Schools in other States or U.S. Territories**

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These instructions apply to applicants for licensure as a RN who:

1. have never been licensed as an RN; and,
  2. graduated from a nursing education program that was license qualifying for RN in another state or U.S. territory. (U.S. Territories include: Puerto Rico, U. S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands).
- **STEP 1: COMPLETE NEW YORK STATE'S REQUIRED COURSEWORK.**  
You must complete a [NYSED Approved Infection Control Course and a Child Abuse Identification and Reporting Course from an approved provider](#) or qualify for an exemption.
  - **STEP 2: SUBMIT [Online Form 1 - Application for Licensure - RN](#).**  
You must pay the \$143 license and first registration fee by credit card.  
If you started filling out **Online Form 1** within the past 30 days, you can continue filling it out by using [this link](#). You will need your Application ID, social security number, and date of birth to access your application. If you already completed **Online Form 1** and want to upload additional documentation to your application use [this link](#). You will need your Application ID, and date of birth to access your application.
    - **LIMITED PERMIT OPTION. If you have not taken the NCLEX-RN**, you may apply for a limited permit using a [Application for a Limited Permit \(Form 5\)](#). Complete Section I and then ask your prospective employer to complete Section II. Mail the completed form with the \$35 fee to the Office of the Professions at the address at the end of the form.
  - **STEP 3: HAVE YOUR NURSING SCHOOL VERIFY YOUR NURSING EDUCATION.**  
Complete Section I of a [Certification of Professional Education \(Form 2\)](#) and send it to your nursing school and ask that they complete Section II. Your school must verify your nursing education on **Form 2** and then send it directly to NYSED. **Form 2** must be signed by the registrar or accompanied by a transcript signed by the registrar.
  - **STEP 4: PASS THE NCLEX-RN.**  
Register directly with Pearson VUE to take the NCLEX-RN at [www.pearsonvue.com/nclex/](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex/) or by calling Pearson VUE at 1-866-496-2539. If you have a disability and are seeking a reasonable accommodation to take the NCLEX-RN, submit a completed [Request for Reasonable Testing Accommodations Form](#) to NYSED. To retake the NCLEX-RN, you must reregister with Pearson VUE.

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nursingrn.htm#mtwo>

## North Carolina

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program. Approved program should satisfy these components:
- [Licensure by examination](#)
- Education program should include [these components \(Refer to B1\)](#)

(b) An applicant shall meet the educational qualifications to take the examination for licensure to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse by: (1) graduating from a National Council State

Board of Nursing (NCSBN) member Board-approved nursing program, in accordance with Section .0300 of these Rules, designed to prepare a person for registered nurse or licensed practical nurse licensure;

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20-%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%2036%20-%20nursing/21%20ncac%2036%20.0211.pdf>

## Educational Eligibility Requirements

All graduates must complete a member Board approved Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse nursing education program.

<https://www.ncbon.com/licensure-listing-apply-licensure-by-examination-nclex>

## North Dakota

For RN and PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Requirements for RN and PN programs](#)

To qualify for licensure by examination in the state of ND you must have:

1. A US Social Security Number
  2. Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:
- a board approved in-state nursing education program; or
  - an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:
    - Is approved by another board of nursing; and
    - Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

<https://www.ndbon.org/NurseLicensure/InitialExam/index.asp>

## Ohio

For LPN and RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Requirements for licensure by examination as an RN or LPN](#)

- (C) To apply for licensure by examination to practice nursing as a registered nurse in Ohio, an applicant shall have successfully completed a registered nursing education program that satisfies one of the following:
  - (1) Is approved by the board according to section [4723.06](#) of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code;
  - (2) Is approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing; or
  - (3) Has been determined to be acceptable by the board for a foreign educated nurse graduate according to rule [4723-7-04](#) of the Administrative Code.

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-4723-7-02>

#### Education Documents Required

Please follow the instructions below based on your education program location:

- Graduates of Non-Ohio RN Nursing Education Programs
  - The nursing education program must provide a signed and sealed official transcript directly to the Board at [transcripts@nursing.ohio.gov](mailto:transcripts@nursing.ohio.gov) Transcripts sent by the applicant will not be accepted. The diploma, certificate or degree, and the date of completion must be included on the transcript. If your nursing program is closed, you must contact the school's records custodian for your transcript to be provided to the Board.

<https://nursing.ohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/RN-Exam-Sample-APP.pdf>

## Oklahoma

For RN licensure:

- Graduation from a state Board-approved program of registered or practical nursing:
  - You must be a graduate of a state Board-approved program of registered or practical nursing.
  - An official transcript from the nursing education program must be submitted directly from the nursing education program.
    - The transcript must show the diploma or degree and the date conferred.
    - The transcript must be obtained from an entity approved and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a primary source for providing education transcripts.
  - The nursing education program you attended must have included theory and clinical experience in the following areas:

- Care of the adult
- Care of children
- Maternal-newborn nursing
- Psychiatric-mental health nursing (Exception: psychiatric clinical experience is not required for practical nurse applicants)

<https://nursing.ok.gov/rnlpnnclex07.pdf>

For RN licensure:

- [59 O.S. §567.5. Registered nurses, licensing-Applications-Examinations-Licensure without examination-Use of titles and abbreviations – Violations](#)
- [485:10-7-1. Licensure by examination \(Registered Nurses\)](#)
- [485:10-5-6. Curriculum \(Refer to d\)](#)

## Oregon

For RN and LPN licensure:

- [Must graduate from a board-approved program;](#)
- [Application information](#)

Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licensure requirements for graduates of out of state programs:

Education:

- Program must be approved through the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).
- ORS 678.040 (1)(2): The applicant must have graduated from a nursing program that is accredited or approved by the licensing Board for nurses in a particular state or United States territory and approved by the Oregon Board of Nursing\*; or
- If the licensing Board is not the accrediting or approval authority in that state or United States territory, is accredited or approved by the appropriate agency for that state or United States territory and approved by the Oregon Board of Nursing\*.
- LPN or RN education programs do not require accreditation by an agency specifically accrediting nursing programs. (CCNE, ACEN)
- The Board has introduced legislation for the 2021 Oregon legislative session to require all nursing education programs to have a clinical component regardless of state or territory approval. This will affect the ability for applicant graduating from “bridge” programs not offering a clinical component to apply for initial license or endorse their license into Oregon. The outcome of this legislation will be posted to this NCSBN website if it is passed and becomes effective. Target date for implementation would be no sooner than January 2022.

- The Board has also changed its rules for accelerated Master's Program applicants. Any initial licensure applicant or endorsement candidate must be awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing to qualify for licensure as an RN for any student who enrolls in a program after July 1, 2021. The Board will no longer accept letters of equivalency in lieu of a degree.
- Programs offering clinical experiences in Oregon for any licensure level require approval from the Board. [Approval requirements](#) are found in "education", "Nursing Programs Outside of Oregon".

\*Although written in statute, the Oregon Board of Nursing lacks the jurisdictional authority to approve any out of state program. This language intent is to allow the Board to investigate issues regarding an out of state school and, if needed, deny the ability of the programs applicants to apply for an Oregon license. A program will be notified officially of any Board investigation prior to any action. The Board expects that out of state program standards are equivalent to those found in OAR 851-021.

Other qualifications:

- Completed application including payment of all fees. [Applications here](#), under "applicants".
- Primary Source verification of graduation via transcript sent directly from the program to the Board.
- Verification of having passed the NCLEX-PN® or NCLEX-RN®.
- Fingerprint based background check. This must be done at the time of application, previous fingerprint results, no matter how recent, will not be accepted.
- The Board is the final authority for issuing a license to practice nursing in Oregon.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## Pennsylvania

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- The PA State Board of Nursing's qualifications for licensure are described in Section 6a of the Professional Nursing Law and Section 5 of the Practical Nurse Law. Section 8.1 of the Professional Nursing Law describes the qualifications for certified registered nurse practitioners.
- Educational requirements are described in Sections 21.81, 21.84-21.89, 21.201-21.203, and 21.369 of the Board's regulations.
- [Board of Nursing Laws and regulations](#)

# Degree Requirement:

## Completion of Approved Nursing Program

An applicant, to be eligible for examination for licensure as a registered nurse, shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that they have completed work equal to a standard high school course as evaluated by the Board and has satisfactorily completed an approved program of professional nursing. Approved programs shall include an associate degree, Bachelor's degree, or diploma nursing programs.

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Registered-Nurses-Licensure-Requirements-Snapshot.aspx>

## Rhode Island

For RN licensure:

A. Professional (Registered) Nurse. An applicant seeking initial licensure to practice professional nursing in the State of Rhode Island must:

1. Be of good moral character;
2. Have completed at least an approved high school course of study or the equivalent supported by diploma or certificate thereof as determined by the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education; and
3. Have successfully completed the prescribed curriculum in a Board-approved basic professional nursing education program and holds a diploma from the program,
4. Foreign trained applicants must meet the requirements set forth in § 3.3.4(C) of this Part.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## South Carolina

For RN Licensure:

**Registered Nurse (RN):** An applicant for licensure as an Registered Nurse (RN) shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:



1. submits satisfactory proof of identity and age demonstrating that the applicant is eighteen years of age or older;
2. submits a copy of the applicant's social security card or permanent resident card; a resident alien who does not have a social security number must have an alien identification number;
3. has not committed any acts that are grounds for disciplinary action;
4. has completed all requirements for graduation from an approved school of nursing or nursing education program approved by the state or jurisdiction in this country or territory or dependency of the United States in which the program is located.

Note: Credit may not be given in an initial application for an unapproved correspondence course or for experience gained through employment.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## South Dakota

### Qualifications

This application is for license by examination in South Dakota for RN or LPN licensees. **This process is for individuals who have never taken the NCLEX examination.**

To qualify for licensure by examination in the state of SD, you must have completed:

1. A board approved in-state nursing education program; or
2. An out-of-state nursing education program that is approved by another board of nursing

South Dakota (SD) joined the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) 01/01/2001. You are not eligible for licensure in SD if your primary state of residence is another compact state. See [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org) for a list of compact states.

An application is null one year following the date that it was accepted by the Board. Fees are non-refundable.

### Requirements

In order to be made eligible to test, the following must be received in the Board of Nursing office:

1. **Online application** and submit \$100 payment (by clicking "Apply" at the bottom of page)
2. **Criminal Background Check**  
You must use fingerprint cards that are provided to you by the SD Board of Nursing office. The fingerprint card packet and instructions will be mailed to the address provided on your application. Completed fingerprint cards must be returned to the Board of Nursing office accompanied with fee in the form of a money order.

3. **Nursing Education Information**

**Graduate of South Dakota Nursing Program ONLY** – If you are recent graduate of a South Dakota nursing program, your Certificate of Nursing Education (CNE) will be sent to the Board of Nursing by your program.

**Graduate of Nursing Program OUTSIDE of South Dakota** – If you are a graduate of an out-of-state nursing program, your degree conferred transcript must be mailed to the SD Board of Nursing directly from your school or from a transcript clearinghouse. If using a transcript clearinghouse that offers email services, transcripts can be sent to: [sdnclex@state.sd.us](mailto:sdnclex@state.sd.us).

4. **Register with Pearson Vue and submit \$200 payment.**

Register at [www.pearsonvue.com/nclex](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex) or phone 1-866-496-2539.

[https://www.sdbon.org/rn\\_lpn/exam/](https://www.sdbon.org/rn_lpn/exam/)

## Tennessee

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- [Rules and Requirements of Registered Nurses](#)

(2) Qualifications - Completion of a course of study in an approved school of nursing shall be required before the first day of the examination. (a) Reserved. (b) An applicant who graduated from a school of nursing approved by a Board in another U.S. jurisdiction shall have had substantially the same course of study as stated in the minimum curriculum requirements for Tennessee approved schools of nursing at the time of his application or he shall remove deficiencies as directed by the Board.

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1000/1000-01.20190805.pdf>

## Texas

For RN and LPN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Rule 217.2\(a\)\(4\)A\(i-iv\)](#): Provides licensure requirements for professional RN and LPN programs

[https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure\\_examination.asp.html](https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_examination.asp.html)

## Utah

For APRN, RN, and PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program

Submit Official Transcripts. There are two ways to submit official transcripts: 1) Mail to DOPL by the Registrar. 2) Email to DOPL (b7@utah.gov) via 3rd party clearinghouse by the Registrar. Note: Transcripts must have the school seal, a date of graduation and a degree earned from an approved pre-licensure program.

[https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/Nurse\\_Licensure\\_Process\\_Guide\\_How\\_to\\_Apply.pdf](https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/Nurse_Licensure_Process_Guide_How_to_Apply.pdf)

## Vermont

For RN and PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- Nursing education programs shall be conducted in an accredited state-approved school. Accreditation may be by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or another accrediting body recognized by the Board.
- Effective July 1, 2020, all Vermont prelicensure nursing education programs must be accredited by a national nursing accreditation organization approved by the Board.
- The Board may at anytime request information it deems necessary for oversight of proposed or existing nursing education programs.
- [Rules and Requirements](#)

### LICENSE BY EXAMINATION

If you have graduated from a nursing education program outside of the United States and have passed the NCLEX- RN please complete the RN Endorsement Application.

1. Complete online application and pay the application fee (Non-Refundable Processing Fee)
2. Verification of Education Form or CES Report
  - a. For Domestic nursing education programs -This verification of education form must be completed and placed in a sealed envelope by the school. The school can either:
    - i. Send the completed verification form, signed, dated, and affixed with the schoolstamp/seal along with a copy of official transcripts directly to the Vermont Board of Nursing; OR

- ii. Give the completed verification form, signed, dated, and affixed with the school stamp/seal along with a copy of official transcripts to you so you may attach it unopened to your application.
- iii. If you completed ANY of the subject areas listed through a school/program other than your primary nursing program you are responsible for requesting a verification of education form and a transcript from the additional school.

\*\*\*NOTE: Official transcripts are not required if the nursing program was completed in the State of Vermont.

3. Register with Pearson VUE and pay the exam fee to take the NCLEX.

<https://cms.sec.state.vt.us:8443/share/s/yacd7jN-QJyfwEZh2TjGiA>

## Virginia

For RN and LPN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Applicant Resources](#)
- Graduates of nursing schools located in other states - Verification of Clinical Hours: If you attended a nursing program outside of Virginia, your FINAL official transcript must include evidence of the actual (direct client care) clinical hours broken down for each course.

### 18VAC90-27-90 (B)(1)

A. Both classroom and online curricula shall reflect the philosophy and objectives of the nursing education program and shall be consistent with the law governing the practice of nursing.

B. Nursing education programs preparing for licensure as a registered or practical nurse shall include:

1. Evidence-based didactic content and supervised clinical experience in nursing, encompassing the attainment and maintenance of physical and mental health and the prevention of illness for individuals and groups throughout the life cycle and in a variety of acute, nonacute, community-based, and long-term care clinical settings and experiences to include adult medical/surgical nursing, geriatric nursing, maternal/infant (obstetrics, gynecology, neonatal) nursing, mental health/psychiatric nursing, nursing fundamentals, and pediatric nursing;

### 18VAC90-27-100 (A) and (B)

A. A nursing education program preparing a student for licensure as a registered nurse shall provide a minimum of 500 hours of direct client care supervised by qualified faculty. A nursing

education program preparing a student for licensure as a practical nurse shall provide a minimum of 400 hours of direct client care supervised by qualified faculty. Direct client care hours shall include experiences and settings as set forth in 18VAC90-27-90 B 1.

B. Licensed practical nurses transitioning into prelicensure registered nursing programs may be awarded no more than 150 clinical hours of the 400 clinical hours received in a practical nursing program. In a practical nursing to registered nursing transitional program, the remainder of the clinical hours shall include registered nursing clinical experience across the life cycle in adult medical/surgical nursing, maternal/infant (obstetrics, gynecology, neonatal) nursing, mental health/psychiatric nursing, and pediatric nursing.

**18VAC90-19-110. Licensure by examination.**

A. The board shall authorize the administration of the NCLEX for registered nurse licensure and practical nurse licensure.

B. A candidate shall be eligible to take the NCLEX examination (i) upon receipt by the board of the completed application, the fee, and an official transcript or attestation of graduation from the nursing education program and (ii) when a determination has been made that no grounds exist upon which the board may deny licensure pursuant to § 54.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia.

C. To establish eligibility for licensure by examination, an applicant for the licensing examination shall:

1. File the required application, any necessary documentation and fee, including a criminal history background check as required by § 54.1-3005.1 of the Code of Virginia.

2. Arrange for the board to receive an official transcript from the nursing education program that shows either:

a. That the degree or diploma has been awarded and the date of graduation or conferral; or

b. That all requirements for awarding the degree or diploma have been met and that specifies the date of conferral.

3. File a new application and reapplication fee if:

a. The examination is not taken within 12 months of the date that the board determines the applicant to be eligible; or

b. Eligibility is not established within 12 months of the original filing date.

D. The minimum passing standard on the examination for registered nurse licensure and practical nurse licensure shall be determined by the board.

E. Any applicant suspected of giving or receiving unauthorized assistance during the examination may be noticed for a hearing pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) to determine eligibility for licensure or reexamination.

F. Practice of nursing pending receipt of examination results.

1. A graduate who has filed a completed application for licensure in Virginia and has received an authorization letter issued by the board may practice nursing in Virginia from the date of the authorization letter. The period of practice shall not exceed 90 days between the date of the authorization letter, the successful completion of the nursing education program, as documented on the applicant's transcript, and the publication of the results of the candidate's first licensing examination.

2. Candidates who practice nursing as provided in subdivision 1 of this subsection shall use the designation "R.N. Applicant" or "L.P.N. Applicant" on a nametag or when signing official records.

3. The designations "R.N. Applicant" and "L.P.N. Applicant" shall not be used by applicants beyond the 90-day period of authorized practice or by applicants who have failed the examination.

G. Applicants who fail the examination.

1. An applicant who fails the licensing examination shall not be licensed or be authorized to practice nursing in Virginia.

2. An applicant for licensure by reexamination shall file the required board application and reapplication fee in order to establish eligibility for reexamination.

3. Applicants who have failed the examination for licensure in another United States jurisdiction but satisfy the qualifications for licensure in this jurisdiction may apply for licensure by examination in Virginia. Such applicants shall submit the required application and fee. Such applicants shall not, however, be permitted to practice nursing in Virginia until the requisite license has been issued.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm>

## Washington

For RN and PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [WAC 246-840-030](#) Initial licensure for RN and PN out of state traditional nursing education program approved by US BON
- [WAC 246-840-048](#) Licensure for nontraditional PN to RN nursing education program

### **Initial licensure for registered nurses and practical nurses—Out-of-state traditional nursing education program approved by another United States nursing board.**

Registered nursing and practical nursing applicants educated in a traditional nursing education program approved by another United States nursing board and applying for initial licensure must:

(1) Successfully complete a board approved nursing education program. Applicants from a board approved registered nurse program who are applying for a practical nurse license:

(a) Complete all course work required of board approved practical nurse programs as listed in WAC [246-840-575\(2\)](#). Required courses not included in the registered nurse program may be accepted if the courses were obtained through a commission approved program.

(b) Be deemed as capable to safely practice within the scope of practice of a practical nurse by the nurse administrator of the applicant's nursing education program.

(2) Successfully pass the commission approved licensure examination as provided in WAC [246-840-050](#).

(3) Submit the following documents:

(a) A completed licensure application with the required fee as defined in WAC [246-840-990](#).

(b) An official transcript sent directly from the applicant's nursing education program to the commission. The transcript must include course names and credits accepted from other programs. The transcript must show:

(i) The applicant has graduated from an approved nursing program or has successfully completed the prelicensure portion of an approved graduate-entry registered nursing program; or

(ii) That the applicant has completed all course work required in a commission approved practical nurse program as listed in WAC [246-840-575\(2\)](#).

(c) Applicants from a board approved registered nurse program who are applying for a practical nurse license must also submit an attestation sent from the nurse administrator of the applicant's nursing education program indicating that the applicant is capable to safely practice within the scope of practice of a practical nurse.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.79.110](#), [18.88A.060](#) and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-04-016, § 246-840-030, filed 1/22/21, effective 2/22/21. Statutory Authority: RCW [18.79.110](#). WSR 08-11-019, § 246-840-030, filed 5/12/08, effective 6/12/08. Statutory Authority: Chapter [18.79](#) RCW. WSR 99-01-098, § 246-840-030, filed 12/17/98, effective 1/17/99. Statutory Authority: RCW [18.79.160](#). WSR 97-17-015, § 246-840-030, filed 8/8/97, effective 9/8/97.]

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-030>

## West Virginia

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Requirements for RN programs](#)

RN licensure requirements WV code 30-7-1 et. seq. and code of legislative rule 19-03

1. Completed RN application and paid fee located in the nurse portal.
2. Completed a 4-year high school or equivalent.
3. Completed a basic curriculum in a program in nursing education approved by the Board or in a school accredited or approved by a comparable Board or other recognized authority in another jurisdiction.
4. Paid for and completed a fingerprint-based West Virginia and national electronic criminal history records check using the Board agency. If the applicant currently resides in another state must submit that's states criminal history.

<https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/licensing/Documents/RN%20and%20APRN%20licensure%20requirements%20WV%206-5-20.pdf>

## Wisconsin

For RN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)
  - N 2.10 (1) Qualifications for licensure:
    - (a) Graduates from a high school or its equivalent.
    - (b) Does not have an arrest or conviction record, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats.
    - (c) Graduates from any of the following:
      1. A board–approved school of professional nursing.
      2. A comparable school of professional nursing.
    - (d) In lieu of meeting the requirement in par. (c), evidence of general and professional educational qualifications comparable to those required in this state at the time of graduation.



(e) Passes the NCLEX.

[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/n/2.pdf](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/n/2.pdf)

## Wyoming

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Licensure requirements and rules](#)

(b) RN or LPN/VN. Applicant shall:

- (i) Graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program;
- (ii) Submit completed application and fees;
- (iii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and
- (iv) Successfully pass the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination, accordingly.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hUyYziVhCEfHELDEnlvjYxWztDTcaVHo/view>

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