



**NURSING EDUCATION
PROGRAM:
Professional Licensure
Disclosure & Student Location:
Process and Policy**

SYNOPSIS

This document contains information related to Kansas Wesleyan University's programs that are designed to prepare students for the attainment of a professional license or certification coupled with KWU's determination as to whether our Nursing Education Program meets the educational prerequisites for professional licensure or certification in each U.S. state, district, and territory. Professional Licensure Determination and Student Location Policy and processes are included.

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Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosures Processes

This document contains information related to Kansas Wesleyan University's programs that are designed to prepare students for the attainment of a professional license or certification and its determination as whether those programs meet the educational prerequisites for professional licensure or certification. Academic programs omitted from this list are not intended to lead to a professional licensure or certification.

Additional Licensure Requirements: Requirements for licensure or certification in addition to educational prerequisites may include professional examinations, background checks, years or work experience, fingerprinting requirements, etc.

Potential Changes in Requirements: Students who plan to pursue licensure should be aware that requirements for professional licensure can vary drastically by state, and these requirements are subject to change at any time. While an academic program may originally meet the educational requirements for licensure, changes in requirements or laws could impact the program's ability to meet new educational requirements. Students should always check with their state licensure board to confirm licensure requirements.

Important Note for Relocating During the Course of a Program of Study: Prospective and current students should keep in mind that relocating to another state during the course of a program of study could impact their ability to meet the licensure or certification requirements of the relocating state.

KWU Nursing Education Program

The Nursing Education Program at Kansas Wesleyan University (KWU) is aligned to standards adopted by the Nurse Licensure Compact. Completers of a nursing program within a Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) state allows a nurse to have one multistate license with the ability to practice in the home state and other compact states. Go to <https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm> for more information.

U. S. States and District Which Participate in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC):

Alabama	Kentucky	North Dakota
Arizona	Louisiana	Oklahoma
Arkansas	Maine	Rhode Island
Colorado	Maryland	South Carolina
Delaware	Mississippi	South Dakota
District of Columbia	Missouri	Tennessee
Florida	Montana	Texas
Georgia	Nebraska	Utah
Idaho	New Hampshire	Virginia
Indiana	New Jersey	West Virginia
Iowa	New Mexico	Wisconsin
Kansas	North Carolina	Wyoming

U.S. States and Territories That Have Pending Legislation to Participate in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC):

Guam (B239-35)	Michigan (HB4042)	Pennsylvania (HB1888; SB655)
Massachusetts (HD29-891; HB1944; HB4134)	Ohio (HB765; SB341)	Vermont (SB125)

U.S. States & Territories That Do Not Participate in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC):

Alaska	Connecticut	Nevada	Washington
American Samoa	Hawaii	New York	
Bajo Nevo Bank (Petrel Island)	Illinois	Oregon	
California	Minnesota	Puerto Rico	
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Mississippi	Virgin Islands	

How Determinations Are Made

Determinations regarding U.S. State's, District's, or Territory's approval of KWU's Nursing Education curriculum are rendered, based upon the following processes:

- Determination processes are based solely on prospective and currently enrolled students in KWU's Nursing Education Program.
- KWU's Director of Nursing Education, in collaboration with KWU Administration, will chart and record all prospective and currently enrolled students in the Nursing Education Program.
- KWU's Director of Nursing Education and Administration, will review and make a determination whether its curriculum will or will not be approved by the prospective or currently enrolled student's home/residence state.
 - This determination process will involve whether the prospective or currently enrolled student's home/residence state participates in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). Participating states are found on page 5 of this document.
 - States, districts, or territories not participating in the NLC will be reported as "Undetermined."
 - Prospective or currently enrolled students from an "undetermined" state, district, or territory will be reported to the prospective or currently enrolled student as "undetermined", but may require further investigation by the Director of Nursing Education. The investigation will include:
 - A review of the state's, district's, or territory's Board of Nursing licensure requirements via respective website and/or
 - Direct contact with the state's, district's, or territory's Board of Nursing.
 - Fourteen (14) calendar days after the investigation has concluded and a determination has been made that the program curriculum does not meet the student's state home/residence requirements, a direct disclosure notification will be provided in writing (which may include email or other forms of electronic communication) to the student(s) whose home/residence is in the investigated state, district, or territory.
 - Prospective programmatic students will be notified within fourteen (14) calendar days after prospective student's information (home address, major, etc.) has been entered in Jenzabar.
 - When a state, district, or territory has not been evidenced in the Nursing Education's prospective or currently enrolled student population and said state, district, or territory is recorded as "undetermined", no further action will be taken until such time that a prospective student has stated their interest in being a part of the program. At that time, the investigative steps outlined above will be enacted along with appropriate direct disclosure notifications.
- KWU will be responsible for maintaining and updating its website with 'Make Available' disclosure information as it becomes available.
- KWU will be responsible for sending the appropriate 'Direct Disclosures' notifications as outlined on pp. 7 - 8 of this document.
- If a prospective or currently enrolled student has notified the institution of a home/residence change and the institution has noted the change in Jenzabar, the date of entry in Jenzabar will serve as the effective date of a student's revised location for the purposes of this policy. The institution will then have 14 calendar days to provide a direct disclosure to the student if it has been determined that the program's curriculum does not meet the state's (student's revised location) educational requirements for licensure or certification.

- Students who currently hold Registered Nurse Licensure and are enrolled in KWU's RN to BSN program are not subject to the Professional Licensure federal requirements since these students already have attained their professional license.

Sample 'Direct Disclosure' Communication to Prospective & Current Students

'Direct Disclosure' – Has Not Made a Determination Draft Message

Dear, _____,

Due to recent changes in Federal Legislation, we are now required to contact you regarding your program of study in Nursing Education, and whether KWU's program curriculum would be approved by your home state (state location/residency). At this time, we have not made a determination whether KWU's program curriculum meets state licensure requirements in your home state. Please contact your program director for more information. Thank you.

'Direct Disclosure' – Negative Determination Draft Message

Dear, _____,

Due to recent changes in Federal Legislation, we are now required to contact you regarding your program of study in Nursing Education, and whether KWU's program curriculum would be approved by your home state (state location/residency). At this time, we have determined that KWU's program curriculum does not meet state licensure requirements in your home state. Please contact your program director for more information. Thank you.

'Direct Disclosure' – Positive Determination Draft Message

Dear, _____,

Due to recent changes in Federal Legislation, we are now required to contact you regarding your program of study in Nursing Education, and whether KWU's program curriculum would be approved by your home state (state location/residency). At this time, we have determined that KWU's program curriculum does meet state licensure requirements in your home state. Please contact your program director for more information. Thank you.

Direct Disclosure' – Determination Draft Message Resend Due to Change of Student Location

Dear, _____,

Due to recent changes in Federal Legislation, we are now required to contact you regarding your program of study in Nursing Education, and whether KWU's program curriculum would be approved by your home state (state location/residency). At this time [*select one of the following three choices below*],

we have not made a determination whether KWU's program curriculum meets state licensure requirements in your home state. Please contact your program director for more information. Thank you.

we have determined that KWU's program curriculum does not meet state licensure requirements in your home state. Please contact your program director for more information. Thank you.

we have determined that KWU's program curriculum does meet state licensure requirements in your home state. Please contact your program director for more information. Thank you.

Board of Nursing Professional Licensure Requirements



As of July 1, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education implemented new regulations that professional nursing programs (PN, RN and APRN) must adhere to if they participate in Title IV HEA funding, and if the program is:

- designed to meet educational requirements for a specific professional license or certification that is required for employment in an occupation; or
- Is advertised as meeting such requirements

This new regulation applies to programs using all modalities, including online, in-person, or a combination of both. Regulation 34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) (v) will require the nursing program to provide:

1. a list of all states/jurisdictions where the institution's curriculum meets state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification,
2. a list of all states/jurisdictions where the institution's curriculum does not meet state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification, and
3. a list of all states/jurisdictions where the institution has not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements.

Additionally, a direct disclosure to the student in writing is required in regulation 34 CFR 668.43(c) by the education institution if the program leading to professional licensure or certification falls in one of the latter two categories above.

Licensure Requirements by State

To easily find professional nursing licensure requirements (RN, PN and APRN programs), please select the states/jurisdictions where you want to know their professional licensure requirements.

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)

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements for APRNs](#)

For more information:

- [Nursing Education Administrative Code 610-X-3](#) (for more information on meeting Alabama requirements)
- [Alabama Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Alabama Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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

For PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- All PN applicants are required to have graduated from a program that is nationally nursing accredited
- Requirements: [Article 2, Sec. 08.68.170.](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)
- An applicant for initial authorization to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in AS 08.68.850 (1) and 12 AAC 44.400 (1) must have satisfactorily completed (A) a formal accredited graduate educational course of study in nursing that:
 - (i) is a minimum of one academic year in length,
 - (ii) prepares registered nurses to perform an expanded role in the delivery of health care;
 - (iii) includes a combination of classroom instruction and a minimum of 500 separate, non-duplicated hours of supervised clinical practice,
 - (iv) If completed on or after January 1, 1998 has distinct course offerings of three graduate credits or more in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacotherapeutics, and advanced physical assessment.
 - (v) is evidenced by an official transcript or other official documentation received directly from a graduate program accredited by a nursing accrediting body that is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or that is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor organization
- REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES – 12 AAC 44.460
 - Submit a completed application for preceptorship registration and pay the required application fee.
 - Verification of a current license in good standing to practice as a registered nurse by this state or another state licensing jurisdiction.
 - Documented evidence of current enrollment in an advance practice registered nurse program. (In-progress transcripts are acceptable or written verification on college stationery sent directly from the nursing program director.)
 - Documented evidence of a preceptorship arrangement to be approved by the board. Submit a copy of preceptorship agreement between the school and facility and the applicant and preceptor.

- The preceptor must hold an active license or privilege to practice as an APRN or physician that is not encumbered and practice in a comparable practice focus. The preceptor must function as a supervisor and teacher and evaluate the individual's performance in the clinical.

For more information:

- [Alaska Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Alaska Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

American Samoa

- Please contact the American Samoa Board of Nursing for PN, RN and APRN licensure information

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

For APRN licensure:

- AZBN requirements for APRN nursing programs may be found in [AZBN's Rules and Regulations, Article 5. Advanced Practice Registered Nursing](#)
 - R4-19-501. Roles and Population Foci of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (APRN); Certification Program
 - R4-19-502. Requirements for APRN Programs

For more information:

- [Arizona Nurse Practice Act](#)

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.

For APRN licensure:

APRN Licensure Requirements

- Eligibility for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) is considered after verification of active practice of nursing as a registered nurse for a minimum of two-thousand (2,000) hours and verification of certification directly from the Board approved national certifying body evidencing current certification in good standing. The applicant must also submit an official transcript or document from a nursing accrediting body that is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and/or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), as acceptable by the Board and meets the qualifications of ASBN Rules, Chapter Four, Section II in the category of advanced practice nursing for which the applicant is seeking licensure. The transcript or document shall verify the date of graduation, the degree or certificate conferred, clinical hours completed, and the role and population focus of the education program. 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.

For more information:

- [Arkansas Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Arkansas Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

California-RN

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.
- [Licensure by Endorsement Online Application Instructions](#)
- To qualify for endorsement (reciprocity) into California as an RN, you must hold a current and active RN license in another state, U.S. territory, or Canada, have completed an educational program meeting all California requirements, and have passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®) or the State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE). The Canadian Comprehensive Examination is not acceptable. If you do not possess these qualifications, you do not qualify for licensure by endorsement and must apply for [Licensure by Examination](#) instead.
- [CA RN Licensure Qualifications for Graduates of International Nursing Programs](#)
- [CCR § 1426. Required Curriculum.](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)
- [Certified Nurse Midwife:](#)

Initial certification.

(1) An applicant for certification to practice midwifery must meet the following conditions:

(A) Be licensed as a registered nurse under the Nursing Practice Act, Business and Professions Code, Section 2700, et seq. , and

(B) Be a graduate of a Board approved program in nurse-midwifery.

(2) Equivalency. A registered nurse applicant not meeting the above requirements shall be eligible for certification, providing one of the following conditions exists:

(A) A graduate of a nurse-midwifery program not meeting Board of Registered Nursing standards who shows evidence satisfactory to the Board that deficiencies have been corrected in a Board approved nurse-midwifery program, or have been corrected

through successful completion of specific courses which have been approved by the Board.

(B) Certification as a nurse-midwife by a national or state organization whose standards are satisfactory to the Board.

Note: Authority cited: Section 2715, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2746, 2746.2, 2746.5, Business and Professions Code.

- [Nurse Practitioner:](#)

(a) To obtain certification as a Nurse Practitioner, an applicant must hold a valid and active license as a registered nurse in California and possess a master's degree in nursing, a master's degree in a clinical field related to nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing and one of the following:

(1) Successful completion of a nurse practitioner education program approved by the Board;

(2) National certification as a nurse practitioner in one or more categories listed in Section 1481(a) from a national certification organization accredited by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies or the American Board of Nursing Specialties.

(b) A nurse who has not completed an academically affiliated nurse practitioner education program shall provide evidence of having completed equivalent education and supervised clinical practice, as set forth in this article.

(c) Graduates who have completed a nurse practitioner education program in a foreign country shall meet the requirements as set forth in this article. The applicant shall submit the required credential evaluation through a board-approved evaluation service evidencing education equivalent to a master's or doctoral degree in Nursing.

Note: Authority cited: Section 2715, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2835, 2835.5 and 2836, Business and Professions Code.

- [Clinical Nurse Specialist:](#)

2838.2 (c) A registered nurse who meets one of the following requirements may apply to become a clinical nurse specialist:

(1) Possession of a master's degree in a clinical field of nursing.

(2) Possession of a master's degree in a clinical field related to nursing with coursework in the components referred to in subdivision (a).

(3) On or before July 1, 1998, meets the following requirements:

(A) Current licensure as a registered nurse.

(B) Performs the role of a clinical nurse specialist as described in subdivision (a).

(C) Meets any other criteria established by the board.

- [Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist:](#)

2830.6. Notwithstanding Section 2830, the board shall certify all applicants who can show certification by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists as of the effective date of this chapter.

For more information:

- [California Registered Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [California Registered Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

California-VN

For VN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)

For more information:

- [California Vocational Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [California Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Colorado

For PN and RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- [Licensure Requirements \(Page 2\)](#)

For APRN licensure:

- 3(a) On and after July 1, 2008, the requirements for inclusion in the advanced practice registry shall include the successful completion of an appropriate graduate degree as determined by the board; except that individuals who are included in the registry as of June 30, 2008, but have not successfully completed that degree, may thereafter continue to be included in the registry and to use the appropriate title and abbreviation.
- On and after July 1, 2010, in addition to the requirements of subsection (3)(a) of this section, a professional nurse shall obtain national certification from a nationally recognized accrediting agency, as defined by the board by rule, in the appropriate role and population focus in order to be included in the advanced practice registry; except that professional nurses who are included in the registry as of June 30, 2010, but have not obtained the national certification, may thereafter continue to be included in the registry and to use the appropriate title and abbreviation.

For more information:

- [Colorado Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Colorado Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Connecticut

For PN licensure:

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

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [APRN requirements](#)
- Hold a current Connecticut registered nurse (RN) license;
- Hold and maintain current certification as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse anesthetist from one of the following national organizations:
 - American Nurses Credentialing Center;
 - National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties;
 - Pediatric Nursing Certification Board;
 - American Association of Nurse Anesthetists;
 - American Academy of Nurse Practitioners;
 - Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation; or
 - American Association of Critical-Care Nurses;
- Have successfully completed thirty (30) hours of education in pharmacology for advanced nursing practice;
- Hold a graduate degree in nursing or in a related field recognized for certification as either a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse anesthetist by one of the foregoing certifying bodies; OR
- On or before December 31, 2004, completed an advanced nurse practitioner program that a national certifying body recognized for certification as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse anesthetist, and at the time of application, holds a current license as an advanced practice registered nurse in another state that requires a master's degree in nursing or a related field for such licensure

For more information:

- [Connecticut Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Connecticut Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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.

nsure:

- Graduate from an APRN graduate or post-graduate program accredited by a nursing accrediting body (that is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), or its successor organization) in the role and at least one population focus congruent with the licensure application.

For more information:

- [Delaware Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Delaware Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

District of Columbia

For LPN and RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [Application Checklist](#)
- DC RN license or verification of licensure from the original state. If the original state is expired, verification is required from both the original and a current state. To submit verification of your RN licensure status access NURSYS.COM. If your state does not participate in the NURSYS verification system, request that verification be emailed to the DC Board of Nursing. Our email address is on file with each non-participating state board of nursing. Non-NURSYS Participating Boards (Alabama; California; Michigan; Pennsylvania)
- Verification of APRN certification. Contact your certifying body and request that proof of current certification is emailed to the Board of Nursing. Each certifying body has the Board of Nursing's contact and email information on record.
- The DC Board of Nursing require substantially equivalent nursing education. Our requirements are Board approval, clinical hours, and national nursing accreditation for our local programs.
- [Notice of Final Rulemaking](#)
 - Includes information on nursing education programs

For more information:

- [District of Columbia Nurse Practice Act \(Municipal Regulations\)](#)
- [\(Act & rules located in Municipal Regulations\)](#)

Florida

For PN licensure:

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

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

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

For more information:

- [Licensing Information](#)
- [Florida Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Florida Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Georgia

For PN licensure:

- [Requirements for LPN licensure by examination](#)
- [Nontraditional program requirements](#)

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- [Requirements for RN licensure](#)
- Graduates of nontraditional nursing education programs are eligible for licensure in Georgia; however, depending on their education and experience, they may be required to complete a preceptorship prior to licensure.
- [Nontraditional program requirements](#)
- Aside from nontraditional programs, if the program is approved by the board of nursing in the state of domicile, we will accept it.

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements for APRN Licensure](#)
- [APRN authorization requirements](#)

For more information:

- [Georgia Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Georgia Rules and Regulation](#)

Guam

For PN licensure:

- [Application and requirements](#)

For RN licensure:

- [Application and requirements](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [Application and requirements](#)

For more information:

- [Guam Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Guam Nursing Rules & Regulations](#)

Hawaii

For PN licensure:

- [PN requirements](#)

For RN licensure:

- [RN requirements](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [APRN requirements](#)
 - Effective October 1, 2009, new requirements related to the advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license. New Initial APRN License Requirements: If you have never been licensed as an APRN/APN in this State prior to October 1, 2009, you must have all of the following:

(1) A current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse (RN) in this Hawaii;

(2) An unencumbered RN license in all other states in which the nurse has a current and active license;

(3) An unencumbered license as an APRN in all other states in which the nurse has a current and active recognition as an APRN;

(4) Completed an accredited graduate-level education program leading to a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse practitioner;

(5) A current, unencumbered certification to verify passage of a national certification exam by a national certifying body recognized by the Board; and

(6) Paid the appropriate fees.

More APRN information:

APRN Prescriptive Authority

- Have a current, unencumbered Hawaii RN license; Have (or applying for) a Hawaii APRN license; Have successfully completed one of the following within the three-year time period immediately preceding the date of application:
 - At least 30 contact hours*, as part of a graduate-level degree in clinical nursing or nursing science program from an accredited college/university, of advanced pharmacology education, including advanced pharmacotherapeutics that is integrated into the curriculum;
 - OR At least 30 contact hours* of advanced pharmacology, including advanced pharmacotherapeutics, from an accredited college/university; OR At least 30 contact hours* of continuing education from a Hawaii Board of Nursing approved recognized certifying body, in advanced pharmacology, including advanced pharmacotherapeutics related to your practice specialty.
- *Acquired advanced clinical knowledge and skills preparing the nurse to provide direct care to patients through a significant educational and practical concentration on the direct care of patients. This does NOT include Clinical Systems Management (Nursing administration) or Nursing education. b) APRNs Licensed Prior to October 1, 2009 in other states Any person licensed by other state boards as an APRN or similar designation prior to October 1, 2009, whose license was granted based on a master's degree in nursing or a current certification for specialized and advanced nursing practice from a national certifying body recognized by the Hawaii Board of Nursing shall be eligible to be licensed as an APRN in this State.

For more information:

- [Hawaii Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Hawaii Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Idaho

For PN licensure:

- [Board of Nursing Information](#)
- [Applications](#)

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.
- Complete a fingerprint based criminal background check.

For APRN licensure:

- Successful completion of a graduate or post-graduate APRN program which is accredited by a national organization recognized by the Board in that state.
- Current national certification by an organization recognized by the Board for the specified APRN role.
- Faculty who teach Idaho nursing students must have the privilege to practice in Idaho as a RN, but must also have an active APRN license.

- When applying for licensure, the applicant will need to provide official transcripts documenting their graduation with an APRN focus and proof of their APRN specialty certification.
- Complete a fingerprint based criminal background check.

For more information:

- [Idaho Nurse Practice Act](#)

Illinois

For LPN licensure:

- [Application information](#)
- [Requirements for examination for licensure](#)

For RN Licensure:

- [RN requirements for examination for licensure](#)

For APRN Licensure:

- [APRN requirements for licensure](#)

For more information:

- [Illinois Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Illinois Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Indiana

For PN licensure:

- [PN Requirements](#)

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [APRN Requirements](#)

For more information:

- [Indiana Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Indiana Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Iowa

For LPN and RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements for APRN programs](#)

For more information:

- [General licensure information](#)
- [Iowa Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Iowa Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Kansas

For LPN licensure:

- Section 65-1116: [Requirements](#)

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*

For more information:

- [Downloadable \(static\) version of the Kansas NPA, 2018](#)
- [Continually updated Kansas NPA regulations](#)
 - Select Agency “60”
 - Select Article “2”, then select regulation “104”
 - Hit Search

For APRN licensure:

- APRN Education regulations found in **K.S.A. 65-1133** and **K.A.R. 60-17-105** and contain the following requirements:
 - *Each program shall consist of at least 45 semester credit hours*
 - *Must have a minimum of 3 credit hours each for:*

- *Advanced Pharmacology*
- *Advanced Pathophysiology*
- *Advanced Health Assessment*
- *Shall have curriculum that includes:*
 - *Role alignment*
 - *Role of the advanced role for which the program provides instruction*
 - *Healthcare delivery system*
 - *Ethical and legal implications of advanced nursing practice*
- *A minimum of 500 clinical hours in each clinical track*
- *Program must have national nursing accreditation (K.S.A. 65-1133)*

For more information:

- [Downloadable \(static\) version of the Kansas NPA, 2018](#)
- [Continually updated Kansas NPA Regulations](#)
 - Select Agency “60”
 - Select Article “17” and then select regulation “105”
 - Hit Search

Kentucky

For LPN licensure:

- [Licensure by Examination Information and Instructions](#)
- [Application](#)

For RN licensure:

- An applicant for a KY RN license must have completed the basic curriculum for preparing registered nurses in an approved school of nursing and have completed the school’s requirements for graduation;
- ... [Ref: KRS 314.041 (a)]. The Kentucky Board of Nursing *does* recognize graduates from prelicensure nursing education programs that are approved/accredited by other state boards of nursing as eligible for licensure in Kentucky.

For APRN Licensure:

- [APRN requirements](#)
- Has completed an education program that prepares the registered nurse for one (1) of four (4) APRN roles that has been accredited by a national nursing accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education;
- Is certified by a nationally established organization or agency recognized by

the board to certify registered nurses for advanced practice registered nursing;

- Is able to understandably speak and write the English language and to read the

English language with comprehension;

- Has passed the jurisprudence examination approved by the board as provided

in subsection (12) of this section.

More APRN information:

The board may issue a license to practice advanced practice registered nursing to an applicant who holds a current active registered nurse license issued by the board or holds the privilege to practice as a registered nurse in this state and meets the qualifications of subsection (1) of this section. An advanced practice registered nurse shall be:

- Designated by the board as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified

nurse midwife, certified nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist; and

- (b) Certified in at least one (1) population focus.

For more information:

- [Kentucky Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Kentucky Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Louisiana-LPN/LVN

For LPN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)
- An applicant for licensure by examination:
 - shall be of good moral character
 - shall be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States
 - must have successfully completed the course in an accredited school for the training of practical nurses
 - must meet the requirements for qualification (see below for additional requirements)
 - may be permitted to write the examination up to four times within a period of two years from the date of being made eligible, but no later than three years from the completion of the practical nursing program
 - shall re-enter and successfully complete the entire practical nursing program without advance credits if the fourth writing is unsuccessful or more than three years has elapsed from completion of the practical nursing program before being allowed to take the practical nursing examination again

For more information:

- [Louisiana Practical Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Louisiana Practical Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Louisiana-RN

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program

For RN and APRN licensure:

- The LA criteria for licensure are found in RS37:920.A.1.a-g as follows:

§920. Licensure; qualifications; examination; renewal; temporary permits

A.(1) The board shall issue a license to each applicant who applies for licensure as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse who files an application upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by such fee as required in R.S. 37:927, and who furnishes evidence to the board that he:

(a) Is of good moral character.

(b) Has completed the requirements of a nursing education program approved by the board which prepares him for initial licensure as a registered nurse.

(c) Passes an examination to the satisfaction of the board.

(d) Has completed certain course work as required by the board.

(e) Is not in violation of this Part and the rules and regulations.

(f) Has committed no acts or omissions which constitute grounds for disciplinary action as defined in R.S. 37:921, or if found guilty of committing such acts or omissions, the board finds, after investigation, that sufficient restitution, rehabilitation, and education have occurred.

(g) Is proficient in the English language if he graduated from a nursing education program offered in a foreign country.

- Further, approval of a program not located in Louisiana would have to meet the criteria listed in Louisiana Administrative Code LAC 46.XLVII.Chapter 35

For more information:

- [Louisiana Registered Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Louisiana Registered Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Maine

For PN licensure:

- [PN Licensure by Examination Requirements](#)

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](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [APRN Initial Licensure Requirements Link](#)

For more information:

- [Maine Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Maine Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Maryland

For RN and LPN licensure:

- [RN and LPN Requirements](#)
- [Definitions](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [Information homepage](#)

In Maryland, APRNs include the following categories:

- [Nurse Practitioner](#) (NP or CRNP)

1) Hold a current Maryland license in good standing to practice registered nursing or a multistate licensure privilege to practice registered nursing;

(2) Have graduated from a Board-approved accredited graduate level program for nurse practitioners at the Masters' level or higher that meets the requirements of Regulation .06 of this chapter;

(3) Hold a current national certification:

- (a) For each area of specialization in which certification is sought; and
- (b) From the AANPNCB or other national certifying body recognized by the Board;
- (4) Submit to the Board a completed application for certification as a nurse practitioner for each area of specialization in which certification is sought;
- (5) Comply with all the requirements set forth in COMAR 10.27.01.04;
- (6) Demonstrate written and oral competency in the English language;
 - [Certified Nurse Midwife \(CNM\)](#)
 - [Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist \(CRNA\)](#)
 - [Clinical Nurse Specialist \(CNS\)](#)
 - [Nurse Psychotherapist](#)

For More information:

- [Maryland Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Maryland Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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**

For APRN Licensure:

- Current registered nurse (RN) licensure
- Official final transcript from your education program
- The official transcript must state that the education program prepared you for practice as an APRN in the specific clinical category you are applying for (CNP, CNM, CRNA, PCNS, CNS)
- Proof of graduate level coursework, including:
 - Pathophysiology
 - Advanced physical assessment
 - Pharmacotherapeutics

- Current APRN certification from a [board approved national certification organization](#)
- [Good Moral Character, as defined by Massachusetts state law](#)

More APRN information:

- [Apply for APRN authorization](#)

For more information:

- [Massachusetts Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Massachusetts Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Michigan

For LPN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)

For RN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)

For more information:

- [Michigan Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Michigan Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Minnesota

For PN licensure:

- [Requirements by examination](#)

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements by examination](#)

For more information:

- [General licensure information](#)
- [Minnesota Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Minnesota Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Mississippi

For LPN and RN licensure:

- [Licensure requirements by examination](#)
- [Licensure requirements by endorsement](#)

For APRN licensure:

APRN Initial Certification, Renewal, Reinstatement, and Changes

- [Rule 1.2 Certification Renewal, Reinstatement and Changes in Status](#)
- [APRN guidelines are outlined in §73-15-20 of the Mississippi Nursing Practice Law and 30 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 2840](#)

For more information:

[Mississippi Nurse Practice Act](#)

[Mississippi Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Missouri

For LPN licensure:

- [Requirements for LPN programs](#)

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements for APRN programs](#)

For more information:

- [Missouri Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Missouri Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Montana

For PN licensure:

- Montana's licensure by exam requirements or LPN applicants: ARM [24.159.1024](#)

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](#)

For APRN licensure:

- Montana's initial licensure requirements for APRN applicants: ARM [24.159.1412](#) and ARM [24.159.1463](#)

For more information:

- [Montana Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Montana Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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).

For APRN licensure:

- CNMs: Successfully completed a program approved by the American College of Nurse-Midwives, Division of Accreditation.
- CNSs: Successfully completed an accredited clinical nurse specialist program which offers a master's degree or a doctoral degree in a nursing clinical specialty area; or offers a graduate-level clinical nurse specialist education program to individuals who have a master's degree in nursing.
- CRNAs: Successfully completed a nurse anesthesia educational program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia and Educational Programs
- CNPs: Successfully completed an accredited advanced practice registered nurse program.

For more information:

- [Nebraska Nurse Licensure home page and the Nurse Practice Act](#)

Nevada

For LPN and RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [APRN Licensure requirements](#)

For more information:

- [All applications](#)
- [Nevada Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Nevada Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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; and

For APRN licensure:

Nur 301.03 Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Licensure

(a) This section shall apply to each registered nurse licensed in New Hampshire and to each nurse who holds a current, unencumbered registered nurse license from a compact state pursuant to RSA 326-B:46, who seeks licensure in New Hampshire as an APRN.

(b) Each applicant seeking licensure as an APRN under this section shall submit:

(1) Evidence of completion of an accredited advanced nursing education program that includes:

a. At least 225 hours of theoretical nursing content; and

b. At least 480 hours of clinical nursing practice, including precepted experience and pharmacological interventions;

(2) A final, official transcript from a nurse practitioner program, accredited by a national accrediting body, that demonstrates that the applicant earned a:

a. Graduate or post-masters graduate degree; or

b. Certificate prior to July 1, 2004;

(3) Documentation from the director of the program identified pursuant to (2) above for each pharmacology course taken but not reflected on the transcript, verifying integration of pharmacological interventions;

(4) Evidence of competence to practice, as a result of participation in and completion of the nurse practitioner program.

- Nur 302.04 Qualifications for an Initial Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) License

(a) Each applicant for an initial advanced registered nurse practitioner license shall:

(1) Meet the general requirements of Nur 302.01;

(2) Hold a current and unencumbered RN license issued by the board or a multi-state license issued by another compact state;

(3) Have either:

a. Earned a graduate degree in an accredited advanced registered nurse practitioner education program; or

b. Graduated before July 1, 2004 from a APRN education program accredited by a national accrediting body that meets the requirements of Nur 600;

(4) Be competent to practice as a result of graduation from an educational program that complies with (3) above that has been recognized by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in the specialty area of practice;

(5) Hold current certification from a national certifying body, recognized by the by National Council of State Boards of Nursing, that specializes in the APRN area of practice;

(6) Have used advanced practice nursing knowledge, judgment, and skills for at least 400 hours within the 4 years immediately preceding the application; and

(7) If the applicant graduated from an advanced nurse practitioner program 2 or more years prior to the date of application, taken:

a. At least 30 educational contact hours to satisfy the requirements of RN continuing competence; and

b. An additional 30 hours, at least 5 of which shall be training in pharmacology appropriate to the specialty, within 2 years immediately prior to date of application.

(b) Current certification as described in (a)(5) above may be counted for 30 of the 60 contact hour requirement of (a)(7).

For more information:

- [New Hampshire Rules for nursing licensure](#)
- [New Hampshire Nurse Practice Act](#)

New Jersey

New Jersey is allowing nurses who hold active, unencumbered, multi-state licenses issued by Nurse Licensure Compact member states to practice in New Jersey under their multi-state licenses. <https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm>

For PN licensure:

Licensure by Examination

- Requirements: [N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.2; 2.2](#)

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.

For APRN Licensure:

- [Application and Requirements](#)

1. Proof of a current New Jersey registered professional nurse license in good standing.
2. A completed, application form and nonrefundable, application fee of \$100.00 payable by money order or check only. *(After the application process is completed there is also a certificate fee of \$80.00/\$160.00 depending on the expiration of your Registered Professional Nurse License.)*
3. Original Official Transcript(s) as proof of compliance with the Board's education requirements.
(These are to be sent directly from the university/college(s) to the Board of Nursing.)
4. Proof of passing the highest level national Advanced Practice Nurse Examination in the area of clinical specialty. *(Certification information must be sent directly to the Board of Nursing from the Certifying Body.)*
5. Proof that all advanced nursing practice certification(s)/licensure(s) which you have held in other states are in good standing, expired, or in some other status. *(The verification form is in the application packet.)*

Education Requirements (N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.2 and 7.4):

Official school transcript (s) must be mailed directly to the Board of Nursing providing evidence of the following:

1. Graduation from a master's-level program designed to educate and prepare nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists. If you have graduated from a Post-Master's Certificate program designed to prepare the Advanced Practice Nurse, you must have the school(s) submit your Post-Master's program transcript and the official transcript from your Master's in Nursing program;
2. Completion of a graduate level 3-credit course in Pharmacology from a school duly accredited by a national accrediting agency approved by the Board; or a pharmacology course of at least 45 hours integrated into the Master's in Nursing program.

NOTE: For integrated pharmacology where the hours completed are not designated on your transcript, you are required to have the Dean/Director of your Advanced Nursing Practice program submit to the Board of Nursing the certification validating the number of hours of integrated pharmacology which you have completed. The Certification form is included with the application.

Examination Requirements (N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.3 AND 7.4):

Each applicant for certification shall be required to successfully pass the highest level practice examination in the area of specialization approved by the Board. Written verification that the applicant has successfully passed the exam is to be submitted directly by the national certifying agency to the Board. *(This exam should be for nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, or nurse anesthetists.)*

For more information:

- [New Jersey Administrative Code](#)
- [Laws and Statutes](#)

New Mexico

For PN licensure:

- **Regulation 16.12.2.10 (A)** Prerequisites for licensure of registered nurses and license practical nurses by examination in New Mexico. (1) Completion of and eligible for graduation from a board approved course of study for the preparation of registered nurses or practical nurses

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.

For APRN (CNP, CRNA, CNS) licensure:

Nurse Practitioner:

- Successful completion of a graduate level nursing program designed for the education and preparation of nurse practitioners as providers of primary, or acute, or chronic, or long-term or end of life health care. The program must be offered through an accredited institution of higher education or through the armed services.
- A minimum of 400 hours of clinical experience is needed to receive prescriptive authority.

Registered Nurse Anesthetist:

- Successful completion of a graduate level program designed for the education and preparation of certified registered nurse anesthetists. The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs must accredit the program.
- A minimum of 400 hours of clinical experience is needed to receive prescriptive authority.

Clinical Nurse Specialist

- Successful completion of a clinical nurse specialist program at the master's or doctoral level in a defined clinical nursing specialty through an accredited institution of higher education.
- A minimum of 400 hours of clinical experience is needed to receive prescriptive authority.

Nurse Midwife:

- The New Mexico Board of Nursing does not license or regulate certified nurse midwives. Please refer to the [NM Department of Health](#) for more information.

For more information:

- [New Mexico Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [New Mexico Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

New York

For LPN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN Certificate and Registration Certificate:

Nurse Practitioner:

NYSED certifies NPs to practice in the following specialty practice areas: Acute Care, Adult Health, College Health, Community Health, Family Health, Gerontology, Holistic Care, Neonatology, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Oncology, Pediatrics, Palliative Care, Perinatology, Psychiatry, School Health, and Women's Health.

To become certified and registered by NYSED as an NP, you must:

- be currently registered and licensed as a registered professional nurse (RN) in New York State;
- have graduated from a nurse practitioner education program acceptable to NYSED or be certified as a nurse practitioner by a national certifying organization acceptable to NYSED;
- complete pharmacology coursework acceptable to NYSED; and
- apply for nurse practitioner certification with NYSED.

Clinical Nurse Specialist:

NYSED certifies clinical nurse specialists to practice in the following specialty practice areas: Adult Health, Oncology, Pediatrics and Psychiatry/Mental Health.

To become certified and registered by NYSED as a CNS, you must:

- be currently registered and licensed as a registered professional nurse (RN) in New York State;
- be a graduate of a clinical nurse specialist education program registered by NYSED or meet alternative education or experience criteria acceptable to NYSED (which are described in more detail below); and
- apply for CNS certification with NYSED.

Licensed Midwife:

1. Education: satisfactorily;
 - a. complete educational preparation (degree or diploma granting) for the practice of nursing, followed by or concurrently with educational preparation for the practice of midwifery in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, or
 - b. submit evidence of license or certification, the educational preparation for which is determined by the department to be equivalent to the foregoing, from any state or country, satisfactory to the department and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, or
 - c. complete a program determined by the department to be equivalent to the foregoing and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.
2. Examination: pass an examination satisfactory to the department and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.
3. Age: be at least twenty-one years of age.
4. Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department.

5. Citizenship or immigration status: be a United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA):

In order to practice as a CRNA in New York, candidates must:

- Hold a valid New York registered nursing license;
- Have completed an accredited CRNA education program; and
- Pass a national certification examination.

To maintain certification, at least 40 hours of continuing education are required every two years.

For more information:

- [New York Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [New York Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

North Carolina

For PN licensure:

- [Licensure by examination](#)
- Education program should include [these components](#)

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 \(Refer to B1\)](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [APRN practice](#)

For more information:

- [North Carolina Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [North Carolina Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

North Dakota

For RN and PN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements for APRN programs](#)

For more information:

- [North Dakota Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [North Dakota Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Northern Mariana Islands

For RN and PN licensure:

- Must graduate from an approved nursing education program
- [Laws and requirements](#)
 - Article 2. Licensing of Nurses. Section 2310. Licensure Requirements.

For APRN licensure:

- [Laws and Requirements](#)

- (d) Initial licensure for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. An applicant for initial licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall:
 - Be currently licensed as a Registered Nurse in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; (2) Submit a completed written application and appropriate fees as established by the Board;
 - Provide evidence of successful completion of a graduate degree and/or certification of training with a concentration in the advanced practice nurse category;
 - Completion of other requirements set forth in rules established by the Board; and
 - Have committed no acts or omissions which are grounds for disciplinary action in another jurisdiction or, if such acts have been committed and would be grounds for disciplinary action as set forth in section 2314(b) of this chapter, the Board has found after investigation that sufficient restitution has been made.

For more information:

- [Northern Mariana Islands Public Laws](#)

Ohio

For LPN and RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [APRN licensure requirements](#)

For more information:

- [Ohio Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Ohio Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Oklahoma

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 \(Refer to d\)](#)

For LPN licensure:

- [59 O.S. §567.6. Practical nurse, licensing-Applications-Qualifications-Examinations-Licensure without examination-Use of titles and abbreviations – Violations](#)
- [485:10-9-1. Licensure by examination \(Licensed Practical Nurses\)](#)
- [485:10-5-6. Curriculum \(Refer to d\)](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [59 O.S. § 567.5a. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses-License-Application](#)
- [485:10-15-4. Application \(Refer to a and b\)](#)
- [485:10-15-6. Practice as a Certified Nurse Practitioner](#)
- [485:10-15-7. Practice as a Clinical Nurse Specialist](#)
- [485:10-15-8. Practice as a Certified Nurse-Midwife](#)
- [485:10-15-9. Practice as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist](#)

More APRN information:

Recognition Requirements for Prescriptive Authority

- [485:10-16-3. Initial application](#)
- [National Certifying Bodies and APRN Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing - Advanced Practice](#)

For more information:

- [Oklahoma Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Oklahoma Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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.

For APRN licensure:

- [Application and requirements information](#)

Nurse Practitioner (includes CNM):

Oregon NP's must also maintain an Oregon Registered Nurse (RN) license and Prescriptive Authority. The nurse receives an RN license number and a separate NP license number; both will follow the same expiration lifecycle. Oregon recognizes the following NP specialties:

- Acute Care (ACNP)
- Adult (ANP)
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care (AGACNP)
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care (AGPCNP)
- Family (FNP)
- Geriatric (GNP)
- Neonatal (NNP)
- Nurse Midwife (NMNP)
- Pediatric-Acute Care (PNP-AC)
- Pediatric-Primary Care (PNP-PC)
- Psychiatric/Mental Health (PMHNP)
- Women's Health Care (WHCNP)

National certification is required: Proof of active, unencumbered national certification from an accredited national certifying body is required for Oregon NP licensure. The NP specialty of the national certification must match the NP population focus for which you are applying for licensure per OAR [851-050-0002\(1\)\(d\)](#).

Education: NP applicants must hold a minimum of a Master's Degree in Nursing from an accredited graduate-level program if completed after January 1, 1986. The nurse practitioner program must match the role and population focus of practice for which you are applying. Qualifying NP education program must include evidence of completion of graduate level stand-alone nursing courses in physical assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology, as verified upon receipt of your official transcript. Per OAR [851-056-0006\(6\)](#), integrated courses in pathophysiology and physical assessment completed prior to January 1, 1996, may be acceptable towards the requirement if content otherwise is equivalent.

Practice Requirement (Applicants must fulfill one of the options below):

- Completion of a qualifying NP program within the past one year; OR

- Completion of a qualifying NP program within the past two years and a minimum of 192 hours of practice as a nurse practitioner; OR
- 960 hours of NP practice in your population focus within the last five years from the date of application.

Clinical Nurse Specialist:

CNSs in Oregon must also maintain an Oregon Registered Nurse (RN) license. They may also [apply for Prescriptive Authority](#) if desired. The nurse receives an RN license number and a separate CNS license number; both will follow the same expiration lifecycle.

Education:

- All applicants for CNS licensure must hold a graduate degree in nursing from an accredited graduate-level nursing program that included CNS theory and clinical concentration.
- If you are applying for a CNS license with prescriptive authority, your program must include evidence of completion of graduate level stand-alone nursing courses in physical assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology, as verified upon receipt of your official transcript. Per OAR [851-056-0006\(6\)](#), integrated courses in pathophysiology and physical assessment completed prior to January 1, 1996, may be acceptable towards the requirement if content otherwise is equivalent.

Practice (Fulfill One of the Options Below):

- Completion of a qualifying CNS program within one year from date of application; OR
- Completion of a qualifying CNS program within the past two years and a minimum of 192 hours of CNS practice, OR
- 960 hours of CNS practice within the last five years from the date of application.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist:

CRNAs in Oregon must also maintain an Oregon Registered Nurse (RN) license. They may also [apply for Prescriptive Authority](#) if desired. The nurse receives an RN license number and a separate CRNA license number; both will follow the same expiration lifecycle.

National certification required: Active unencumbered national certification from the National Board of Certification and Re-Certification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) is required for CRNA licensure in Oregon. OSBN will validate your active national certification via the accrediting body's verification website during the application process.

Education:

- All nursing program graduates after December 31, 2000, must hold a minimum of a Master's Degree from an accredited CRNA education program.
- If you are applying for a CRNA license with prescriptive authority, your program must include evidence of completion of graduate level stand-alone nursing courses in physical assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology, as verified upon receipt of your official transcript. Per OAR [851-056-0006\(6\)](#), integrated courses in pathophysiology and physical assessment completed prior to January 1, 1996, may be acceptable towards the requirement if content otherwise is equivalent.

Certified Nurse Midwife:

- Complete an Approved Nurse-Midwife Graduate Program
- Become Nationally Certified in Nurse-Midwifery
- Apply for APRN Licensure as an NMNP with the Oregon State Board of Nursing
- Begin a New Career in Nurse-Midwifery and Maintain Credentials

For more information:

- [Oregon Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Oregon Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Pennsylvania

For PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program
- Qualifications for licensure are described in Section 5 of the [Practical Nurse Law](#).

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](#)

For APRN licensure:

Qualifications for Licensure:

- The PA State Board of Nursing's qualifications for licensure are described in Sections 6a and 7a 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:

- Educational requirements are described in Sections 21.81, 21.84-21.89, 21.201-21.203, and 21.369 of the Board's regulations.
- [Laws and regulations](#)
- Until an application and supporting documentation including a Criminal History Record Check is received there is no predetermination related to qualifications for licensure.

Applications for Licensure:

- [Applications for all license types](#)

Application for Endorsement:

- Requirements for endorsement are described in Section 21.28 and 21.155.
- [Application for endorsement](#)

For More Information:

- Until an application and supporting documentation including a Criminal History Record Check is received there is no predetermination related to qualifications for licensure.
- [Applications for all license types](#)
- [Pennsylvania Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Pennsylvania Nursing Rules & Regulations](#)

Rhode Island

For PN licensure:

An applicant seeking initial licensure to practice practical 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;
3. Have furnished satisfactory proof that he or she successfully completed the prescribed curriculum in an approved program of practical nursing and holds a diploma or certificate from the program or is a graduate of an approved school of professional nursing or was a student in good standing at an approved school of professional nursing before completing the program of studies and, at the time of withdrawal, had completed a program of study, theory and clinical practice equivalent to that required for graduation from an approved school of practical nursing;
4. Foreign trained applicants must meet the requirements set forth in § 5.3.2 of these Regulations.

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.

For APRN licensure:

An applicant seeking initial licensure to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in the State of Rhode Island shall:

1. Be of good moral character;

2. Hold a current Rhode Island license as a registered nurse or privilege to practice and shall not hold an encumbered license or privilege to practice as an RN in any state or territory;
3. Graduation from an APRN graduate or post-graduate program, as evidenced by official documentation received directly from an APRN program accredited by a nursing accrediting body that is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), or its successor organization, as acceptable by the Board.
4. Be currently certified by a national certifying body recognized by the Board in the APRN role and population focus appropriate to educational preparation.
5. Report any criminal conviction, nolo contendere plea, Alford plea or other plea arrangement in lieu of conviction;
6. Have committed no acts or omissions that are grounds for disciplinary action as set forth in the Act and this Part; and
7. Provide other evidence as required by this Part.
8. All clinical nurse specialists seeking initial licensure as an APRN in the State of Rhode Island must meet all the criteria as stated in the Act and this Part including national certification in a role and population focus recognized by the Board.
9. Status of Current Licensees. Any person holding a license to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island as a certified nurse practitioner, psychiatric clinical nurse specialist or certified registered nurse anesthetist, as defined in the Act, [R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 5-34](#) and [5-34.2](#), that was valid as of June 17, 2013 shall be deemed to be licensed as an APRN, with his or her current privileges and shall be eligible for renewal of such license as defined under the provisions of the Act and this Part.

More APRN information:

A. Prescriptive Authority - Advance Practice Registered Nurses

1. An Advanced Practice registered Nurse (APRN) licensed by the Board may prescribe, order, procure, administer, dispense and furnish over the counter, legend and controlled substances pursuant to applicable state and federal laws, when the APRN has completed an educational program as described in § 3.3.2(B) of this Part, that includes courses in pathophysiology, pharmacology and physical assessment and is within the APRN's role and population focus.

2. Prescribing, ordering, dispensing and furnishing shall include the authority to:

a. Diagnose, prescribe and institute therapy or referrals of patients to health care agencies, health care providers and community resources;

b. Prescribe, procure, administer, dispense and furnish pharmacological agents, including over the counter, legend and controlled substances; and

c. Plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes ordering and prescribing non-pharmacological interventions, including, but not limited to, durable medical equipment, medical devices, nutrition, blood and blood products, and diagnostic and supportive services including, but not limited to, home health care, hospice, and physical and occupational therapy.

3. Prior to prescribing those drugs classified under R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 21-28 as controlled substances, an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall be required to register for such privileges with the Board of Pharmacy, Rhode Island Department of Health, and the Registration Unit of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

B. Prescriptive Authority - APRN - Certified Nurse Practitioner. Prescriptive privileges for a certified nurse practitioner shall include all the authority under the APRN license including prescription of legend medications and prescription of controlled substances from schedules II, III, IV and V that are established in regulation.

C. Prescriptive Authority - APRN - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

1. Prescriptive privileges for a certified registered nurse anesthetist may be granted in accordance with the provisions of [R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-34.2](#).

2. Certified registered nurse anesthetists shall practice in accordance with the current American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Guidelines for Nurse Anesthesia Practice, if the nurse anesthetists guidelines for nurse anesthesia practice neither violate nor contradict this Part or the provisions of [R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 5-34.2](#).

D. Prescriptive Authority - APRN - Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist

1. Prescriptive privileges for a certified clinical nurse specialist shall include:

a. Diagnosing, prescribing and instituting therapy or referrals of patients to health care agencies, health care providers and community resources; and

b. Planning and initiating a therapeutic regimen that includes ordering and prescribing non-pharmacological interventions, including, but not limited to, durable medical equipment, medical devices, nutrition, blood and blood products, and diagnostic and

supportive services including, but not limited to, home health care, hospice, and physical and occupational therapy; and

c. Prescription of over the counter medications within their population focus.

2. Prescriptive privileges for APRNs with the population focus of psychiatric/mental health:

a. Shall include prescription of certain psychotropic and certain legend medications, controlled substances from Schedule II classified as stimulants, and controlled substances from Schedule III and IV that are allowed pursuant to applicable Rhode Island and federal laws and regulations, and are within their population focus;

b. Shall not include controlled substances from Schedules I, II, and V and those certain legend medications not included in § 3.7(D)(2)(a) of this Part.

3. Each setting where such prescriptive privileges are allowed may further restrict prescriptive practices according to their own protocols.

For more information:

- [Rhode Island Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Rhode Island Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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.

For LPN Licensure:

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN): An applicant for licensure as an Practical Nurse (PN) 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.

The board shall accept applicants for the National Council Licensure Examination-PN who:

1. have successfully completed an approved nursing education program for professional nursing within the past five years of the date of the application; or
2. have received an equivalent education from an approved nursing education program within the past three years of the date of the application.

For APRN licensure:

[Advanced Practice Registered Nurse \(APRN\)](#): An applicant for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

1. has met all qualifications for licensure as a registered nurse; and
2. holds current specialty certification by a board-approved credentialing organization; and
3. has earned a master's degree or higher from an accredited college or university

For more information:

- [South Carolina Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [South Carolina Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

South Dakota

For APRN, RN, and PN licensure:

- [Requirements FAQ](#)

For more information:

- [South Dakota Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [South Dakota Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Tennessee

For PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- [Rules and Regulations of Licensed Practical Nurses](#)

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)
 - (d) A nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife or clinical nurse specialist who holds a Tennessee registered nurse license in good standing and current national specialty certification in the advanced practice specialty shall be eligible for a certificate to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse on May 22, 2002, and shall be exempt from the requirement of a master's degree or higher in the nursing specialty if licensed in Tennessee and holding national specialty certification prior to July 1, 2005. Notwithstanding the previous requirements, a nurse anesthetist shall be eligible for a certificate to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse if the nurse anesthetist graduated prior to January 1, 1999, from a nurse anesthesia educational program approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Council on Accreditation.

For more information:

- [Tennessee Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Tennessee Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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

For APRN licensure:

Rules 221.3 and 221.4. Since prescriptive authority is not automatic, there is Rule 222.2:

- [Rule 221.3](#)
- [Rule 221.4](#)
- [Rule 222.2](#)
- [Rule 217.2](#)

For more information:

- [Texas Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Texas Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Utah

For APRN, RN, and PN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program

For more information:

- [Utah Nurse Practice Act \(R156-31b-301a. LPN License – Education, Examination, and Experience Requirements.; R156-31b-301b. RN License – Education, Examination, and Experience Requirements.; R156-31b-301c. APRN License – Education, Examination, and Experience Requirements\)](#)
- [Utah Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

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](#)

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)
- You must have an active Vermont RN License to apply for an APRN license
- Certification Initial License for Primary Specialty:
- Official transcripts verifying your APRN education must be submitted directly by your graduate program.
 - The transcript must indicate successful completion of the following courses: Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Assessment, and Pharmacotherapeutics.
- Scanned copy of your current national advanced nursing practice specialty certification.
- Transition to Practice:
 - If completed, your start and end dates of practice period.
 - If you are in your Transition to Practice period, a scanned copy of your Collaborative Agreement, signed by you and your collaborator before you start employment as an APRN in Vermont.
- If applicable, your DEA number
- If applicable, when you are licensed as an APRN in other jurisdiction(s):
 - Enter all states where you have been or are currently licensed.
 - Verification of your licensure submitted directly from your original state of licensure and from your most current state of licensure, if different.
- Or go to Nursys website and obtain license verification for Vermont. (Note: The Quick Confirm Report does not suffice)

For more information:

- [Vermont Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Vermont Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

Virgin Islands

For RN licensure:

- Must graduate from a board-approved program;
- Nurse Practice Act - [§ 94. Registered Nurse](#)

For LPN licensure:

- Nurse Practice Act - [§ 95. Licensed Practical Nurse](#)

For APRN licensure:

- Nurse Practice Act - [§ 96. Certificate of Nursing Specialties](#)

For more information:

- [Virgin Islands Nursing Practice Law](#)
- [Virgin Islands Nursing Rules & Regulations](#)

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 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.

For APRN licensure:

APRN Regulatory Licensure FAQs:

- **Approval.** The Virginia Board of Nursing (VBON) does not regulate post-RN licensure nursing education programs; therefore, approval is not needed.
- **APRN student licensure requirements.** According to an exemption in Virginia statute 54.1-3001(5), Chapter 30 of the Virginia code shall *not* apply to the following:
 - The practice of nursing by any registered nurse who holds a current unrestricted license in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States possession or territory, or a nurse who holds an equivalent credential in a foreign country, while enrolled in an advanced professional nursing program requiring clinical practice. This exemption extends only to clinical practice required by the curriculum.
- **Faculty and preceptor licensure requirements.** The Virginia Code and NP regulations are silent on licensure requirements for faculty and preceptors of students enrolled in

post-licensure nursing programs. If your program is for traditional nurse practitioners (not CRNAs or CNMs who are considered LNPs in the Commonwealth of Virginia), it may be helpful to consult the National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education: Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs available through the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties for guidance on faculty requirements.

- **Clinical Notifications and Annual Reports.** The Virginia Board of Nursing has no requirement for submission of clinical notifications or annual reports from post-RN licensure programs.
- **Qualifications for Initial NP Licensure in Virginia.** According to NP regulation 18VAC90-30-80, the following qualifications are required for initial NP licensure:
 - A. An applicant for initial licensure as a nurse practitioner shall:
 - 1. Hold a current, active license as a registered nurse in Virginia or hold a current multistate licensure privilege as a registered nurse;
 - 2. Submit evidence of a graduate degree in nursing or in the appropriate nurse practitioner specialty from an educational program designed to prepare nurse practitioners that is an approved program as defined in 18VAC90-30-10;
 - 3. Submit evidence of professional certification that is consistent with the specialty area of the applicant's educational preparation issued by an agency accepted by the boards as identified in 18VAC90-30-90;
 - 4. File the required application; and
 - 5. Pay the application fee prescribed in 18VAC90-30-50.

For more information:

- [Virginia Nursing Laws and Regulations](#)

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

For APRN licensure:

- [WAC 246-840-090](#) Licensure for nurses by interstate endorsement ARNP
- [WAC 246-840-340](#) Initial ARNP Requirements
- [WAC 246-840-342](#) Licensure for ARNP applicants by interstate endorsement

For more information:

- [Washington Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Washington Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)

West Virginia-LPN

For LPN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)

For more information:

- [West Virginia-LPN Practice Act](#)
- [West Virginia-LPN Rules and Regulations](#)

West Virginia-RN

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements for APRN programs](#)

For more information:

- [WV RN Board curriculum requirements for prelicensure programs is located in WV Code of Legislative rule 19-01](#)
- [West Virginia-RN Practice Act](#)
- [West Virginia-RN Rules and Regulations](#)

Wisconsin

For PN licensure:

- Requirements
 - N 2.10 (2) Qualifications for licensure

(a) Completed two years of high school or its equivalent.

(b) Is 18 years or older.

(c) Does not have an arrest or conviction record, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335.

(d) Graduates from any of the following: 1. A board–approved school of practical nursing. 2. A comparable school of practical nursing.

(e) In lieu of meeting the requirement in par. (d), evidence of general and professional educational qualifications comparable to those required in this state at the time of graduation.

(f) Passes the NCLEX.

RULE

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.

For APRN licensure:

- [Requirements](#)
 - N 8.03 Certification as an Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers

(1) Provides evidence of holding a current license to practice as a professional nurse in this state or a current license to practice professional nursing in another state which has adopted the nurse licensure compact.

(2) Provides evidence of current certification by a national certifying body approved by the board as a nurse practitioner, certified nurse–midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist or clinical nurse specialist.

(3) Provides evidence of a master’s or doctoral degree in nursing or a related health field granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting organization approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. This subsection does not apply to those who received national certification as a nurse practitioner, certified nurse–midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist or clinical nurse specialist before July 1, 1998.

(4) Provides evidence of completion of 45 contact hours in clinical pharmacology or therapeutics within 5 years preceding the application for a certificate.

(5) Provides evidence of passing a jurisprudence examination for advanced practice nurse prescribers.

For more information:

- [Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Wisconsin Rules and Regulations](#)

Wyoming

For PN licensure:

- [Licensure requirements and rules](#)

For RN licensure:

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

For APRN licensure:

- [Licensure requirements and rules](#)

For more information:

- Additionally, Wyoming requires social security cards and primary sourced official transcripts.
- [Wyoming Nurse Practice Act](#)
- [Wyoming Nursing Rules and Regulations](#)



**PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND DISCLOSURE
POLICY**

Administrative Division	Provost
Policy Title	Professional Licensure and Disclosure Policy
Administrative Office	Academic Dean
Effective Date of Policy	December 1, 2020

Purpose

The U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, specifically 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c) require disclosures by institutions regarding educational requirement for programs leading to professional licensure or certification regardless of instructional modality. 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) requires an institution to provide information to enrolled and prospective students whether programs leading to professional licensure or certification meet educational requirements throughout all U.S. states and territories. This applies directly to the state or territory in which the enrolled and prospective students are located.

Implementation

This policy is effective December 1, 2020.

Definitions

Current students: Students who are currently enrolled in a KWU educational program of study.

Student location: This is defined as the State where the student resides using the permanent address in Jenzabar, the KWU student information system; for a prospective student, this is the State of the prospective student’s residency at the time the student has applied for admission, intends to enroll, and is then entered into Jenzabar, the KWU student information system. For students whose permanent address does not include a U.S. State or territory (e.g., student living outside the United States), their location will be considered to be the State of Kansas. Location designations shall remain in effect unless and until a student notifies the institution in writing of a change of U.S. State or territory location. Once the student has notified the institution of their location change and the institution has noted the change in Jenzabar, the date of entry of the new student location in Jenzabar will serve as the effective date of a student’s revised location for the purposes of this policy.

Professional licensure program: A degree program that can lead to a professional licensure or certification to ensure a professional meets certain industry and/or occupational requirements in terms of knowledge, experience, and currency.

Prospective students: Students who have applied for admission to KWU but have not yet enrolled in any KWU courses.

Students: Students include current and prospective students.

State: A State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Serranilla Bank (Caribbean), and the Bajo Nevo Bank (Petrel Island).

Policy and Procedure

If an educational program offered by Kansas Wesleyan University (KWU) is designed to meet educational requirements for a specific professional license or certification that is required for employment in an occupation, or is advertised as meeting such requirements, information regarding whether completing that program would be sufficient to meet licensure requirements in a state for the occupation is required, including:

- A. A list of all states for which the institution has determined that its program curriculum meets the State educational requirements for licensure or certification;
- B. A list of all states for which the institution has determined that its program curriculum does not meet the state educational requirements for licensure or certification; and
- C. A list of all states for which the institution has not made a determination that its program curriculum meets the State educational requirements for licensure or certification;

A direct disclosure is required by 34 CFR 668.43(c) by the institution to the student in writing if the program leading to professional licensure or certification falls in one of the latter two categories above (the curriculum does not meet educational requirements, or the institution has not made a determination) for the state in which a student is located. In those two situations, the institution must inform the student directly of that status. This direct notification (typically email, letter, or other electronic form of communication) must occur before the student's enrollment in the program(s) or prior to the student making a financial commitment to the institution.

Alternatively, for a student enrolled in the program, if the institution makes a later determination that the program does not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in the state where the student is located, the institution must provide notice directly to the student within 14 calendar days of making that determination. The direct disclosures must be in writing (typically email, letter, or other electronic form of communication). It is anticipated that this provision would occur most often when a program loses its approval in a state in which the student is located.

Student Location: For purposes of this policy, the student location is:

- The state where the **enrolled student** resides and is based on the permanent home address entered into Jenzabar, the KWU student information system.

- For a **prospective student**, this is the state of the prospective student's residency at the time the student has applied for admission, intends to enroll, and is then entered into Jenzabar, the KWU student information system.
- For *students whose permanent address does not include a U.S. State or territory* (e.g., student living outside the United States), their location will be considered to be the State of Kansas.

The student location designation will remain in effect unless and until the student notifies the institution in writing of a change of U.S. State or territory location listed in the student's permanent address within Jenzabar, the KWU student information system.

Once the student has notified the institution of their location change and the institution has noted the change in Jenzabar, the date of entry in Jenzabar will serve as the effective date of a student's revised location for the purposes of this policy.

The institution will then have 14 calendar days to provide a direct disclosure to the student if it has been determined that the program's curriculum does not meet the state's (student's revised location) educational requirements for licensure or certification.

All other university policies that determine Kansas residency for the purpose of tuition assessment will not be superseded by this policy.

Compliance

Compliance with the university's Professional Licensure and Disclosure Policy is mandatory for all faculty, staff and students. Failure to follow the policy will be handled through the standard disciplinary procedure according to the respective university guidelines.

'Direct' Disclosure' – Consumer Information/Right-to-Know Draft Message

Dear, _____,

Due to changes to Federal Law, we are required to send you a message regarding where you may locate KWU's **Right-to-Know/Consumer Information**. This information may be found on the KWU Website at: <https://www.kwu.edu/consumer-information>, and contains important items regarding the following topics:

- Academic Departments
- Academic Dishonesty
- Academic Programs
- Accreditation
- All Academic Programs with Licensure – Notification
- Athletic Participation Rates and Financial Support
- Can I Afford KWU? The KWU Value
- Clery/Campus Security Act and Fire Safety Reports on Student Housing
- Confidentiality: FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
- Cost of Attendance (2020 Tuition, Fees and Costs)
- Disability, Building Accommodations
- Disability Services
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention
- Equity in Athletics
- Faculty
- Federal Work Study Program
- Financial Aid:
 - Federal and State
 - Financial Assistance Information
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - How Do I Apply for Financial Assistance?
 - How Do I learn About My Financial Awards?
 - Need Easy Access to Your Financial Office and Admissions Information?
 - Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial Aid Recipients
- Financial Aid Verification
- Forms
- Graduation/Completion Rates for the Student Body by Gender, Ethnicity, & Receipt of Pell Grants
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
- Loan Disclosures
 - Code of Conduct for Education Loans
 - Entrance Counseling for Student Loan borrowers
 - Exit Counseling for Student Loan Borrowers
 - Keep Student Loan Debt Minimal
 - National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)
 - Private Education Loan disclosures (Including Self-Certification Form)
 - Private Loan Lists
 - Self-Certification Form

- State Grant Assistance Entrance Counseling for Student Loan Borrowers
- Student Loan Information Published by the U.S. Department of Education
- Misrepresentation: Filing a Formal Student Complaint
- Net Price Calculator
- Pre-professional Programs
- Retention Rates
- Safeguarding Customer Information – Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act: Sections 501 & 502(b)(2)
- Satisfactory Academic Progress: For Financial Assistance Recipients
- Scholarships and Other Programs
- Student Athletes: Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act
- Student Body Diversity
- Student Financial Aid Recipient: Rights and Responsibilities
- Student On-campus Employment Terms and Conditions
- Student Outcomes Data
- Student Right-To-Know Act
- Study Abroad Policy
- Transfer Credit Policies and Articulation Agreements
- Text Books: ISBN and Price for All Required or Recommended
- Veteran & Military Benefits
- Withdrawing Procedures Regarding Kansas Wesleyan University, Refund Policy, Return of Title IV Funds

A paper copy of information will be sent upon request. Please contact Bridget Weiser at the address provided below.

Sincerely,

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