

State/Territory *KEY

License Title Specific title of license issued by the state/territory.

Note, if a state/territory issues a required time-limited license for purposes of gaining supervised experience after graduating that has different educational requirements, information for this type of license and the next-level license is provided. Curriculum should be compared to all relevant titles/levels in order to determine if a program “meets” educational requirements.

Specialized Accreditation Required? "No" means the Board does not require the program to hold a specialized accreditation for licensure.

"Yes" means the Board does require the program to hold a specialized accreditation for licensure.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? "Yes" means there is language in statute or rule that a program that holds specialized accreditation meets some or all education requirements.

"No" means Board does not indicate that specialized accreditation meets all educational requirements.

"N/A" means state/territory does not offer a license.

Curriculum Comparison Needed? “Yes” means a comparison of the program to specific state standards/coursework/supervised experience listed is needed to determine if the program meets educational requirements for licensure.

"No" means a program does not need to compare their program to specific state/territory educational requirements. In most instances, the Board/Agency is relying on specialized accreditation or approval, license applicants holding certification, or license applicants meeting examination requirements.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

Note, each licensing board will still evaluate each individual graduate's application at the time they apply.

Specific Coursework Specific information from statute, rule, application, or website is copied that includes state/territory requirement of certain courses or other educational requirements to be completed as part of the program. Licensing board/agency will review the graduate's transcript to determine if educational requirements were completed.

"N/A" means the state or territory does not offer a license.

Note, if references to other sections of statutes/regulations are listed, The Bookmark includes all relevant information required for curriculum comparison here. In other words, programs do not need to complete further research into statutes/regulations to determine comparison requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Information is provided about any required practicum, internship, or supervised clinical experiences required to be completed as part of the program.

“N/A” means the state/territory does not issue a license.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? "Yes" means the state/territory has adopted one or more relevant licensure compacts or interstate reciprocity agreements. The state/territory is a member of the compact or reciprocity agreement.

“Pending” means the compact or interstate reciprocity agreement is not yet enacted (does not have enough states/territories as members yet), but the state/territory is a member.

“No” means the state/territory is not a member of a relevant licensure compact or interstate reciprocity agreement.

“None found” means no relevant national licensure compact or interstate reciprocity agreement exists for

this profession or occupation.

Board/Agency Name Licensing board or agency name

Board/Agency Website

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Citation to the relevant section(s) of state statutes, regulations or rules.

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? "Yes" means the state/territory requires a license applicant who graduated from a program based in another state/territory to hold that state/territory license to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"No" means the state/territory does not require a license applicant who graduated from a program based in another state/territory to hold that state/territory license to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"N/A" means the state/territory does not issue a license.

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? "Yes" means the state/territory requires a license applicant to hold a certification issued by a private (non-governmental) organization to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"No" means the state/territory does not require a license applicant to hold a certification issued by a private (non-governmental) organization to meet educational requirements for initial, first-time license.

"N/A" means the state/territory does not issue a license.

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Training, continuing education or other requirements for initial licensure are listed here. These DO NOT need to be completed as part of the program to meet educational requirements for licensure.

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) Experience required for initial licensure. This could be supervised work experience after graduating, experience accrued outside of the program, or specific prior work experience. This DOES NOT (and in most cases, cannot) need to be completed as part of the program to meet educational requirements for licensure.

Exam(s) Required Any exams required for the type of license.

"None found" means that the state/territory does not specify an exam for that particular license.

"N/A" means the state/territory does not offer a license.

Notes --Educational requirements are provided for the recent graduate of a program of a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. who is, or will be, applying for their first license or certification (typically by exam).

--Some states have additional levels of license/certification or additional scope of practice available if specific coursework, training, or work experience is completed. The Bookmark only captures the first level of license/certification (unless otherwise indicated).

--Some license types have multiple pathways to qualify. The Bookmark includes information through the lens of a program offered at a regionally accredited college or university, and does not include all of the possible ways that an individual may qualify for the license.

--Terminology is inconsistent across states/territories for most license types. Certification, license, credential, endorsement and certificate are all used to describe the legally required permission by a state/territory to practice a particular profession or occupation. The Bookmark uses license and certification to refer to all of these. The exact title is provided for each state/territory.

Last Reviewed Date

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State/Territory Alabama

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

Out-of-state applicants graduate from programs that substantially meet the same educational criteria as Alabama's requirements. In-state requirements follow:

(1) All Alabama prelicensure nursing education programs and advanced practice nursing education programs, including Alabama distance nursing education programs, must be approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing and accredited by a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education by January 1, 2023, or within five (5) years of Approval by the Board, in the case of a new program. If a program is unable to satisfy this requirement as the result of ineligibility for accreditation due to the existence of a deficiency or order issued by the Alabama Board of Nursing pursuant to this Chapter, the program shall establish candidacy for accreditation within six (6) months of successful resolution of the deficiency or satisfaction of the terms of the Order. Alabama advanced practice nursing education programs in operation prior to December 31, 2020, are considered in approved status. Advanced practice nursing education programs established in Alabama on or after January 1, 2021, shall obtain Board approval prior to implementation.

Ala. Admin. Code 610-X-3-.02

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Alabama Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.abn.alabama.gov/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ala. Code § 34-21-22

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(e) For practical nurse licensure, granted or successfully completed an approved practical nursing program in Alabama, or an approved practical nursing program located in another jurisdiction or territory that substantially meets the same educational criteria as Alabama programs.

1. In the case of an applicant for licensure by endorsement, if the nursing education program did not include clinical experience sufficient to meet the same educational criteria as Alabama programs, the applicant's continuing education and work experience in nursing may be considered, at the discretion of the Board.

2. Education training and/or service completed through the Air Force Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program (BMTCP) -- 4N051-5 Skill Level or the ARMY LPN Program 68WM6 is acceptable as completion of an approved nursing program and meets the licensed practical nursing education requirement.

3. Students in prelicensure Registered Nurse programs who have successfully completed all didactic coursework, skills, and clinical learning experiences necessary to fulfill the requirements of a Practical Nursing program may be eligible to apply for the NCLEX-PN for licensure as a practical nurse by education equivalency, at the discretion of the Board.

Ala. Admin. Code 610-X-4-.02

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX

(1) By examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination on such subjects as the board may determine; and, upon successfully passing such examination, the board shall issue such applicant a license.

Ala. Code § 34-21-22

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 6/26/2024

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licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Alaska

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

(b) An applicant for a license to practice practical nursing shall submit to the board, on forms and in the manner prescribed by the board, written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant has successfully completed

(1) a practical nurse education program accredited by a national nursing accrediting body;

(2) a practical nurse education program that meets the criteria established by the board under AS 08.68.100; or

(3) a registered nurse education program accredited by a national nursing accrediting body and approved by the board and, if the applicant has failed the registered nurse licensing examination, a practical nurse scope of practice course approved by the board.

Alaska Stat. Ann. § 08.68.170 (West)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name Alaska Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/boardofnursing>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Alaska Stat. Ann. § 08.68.170 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(3) provide the board with, if the applicant

(A) graduated from a school of nursing in the United States or Canada, a complete certified transcript of the applicant's nursing education, submitted directly to the board from the school of nursing;

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, § 44.290

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX

(a) Candidates for a license by examination shall take the National Council Licensing Examination.

(b) Registered nurse candidates who receive a grade of "pass" on the examination will be issued a license by the board, provided all other qualifications and requirements outlined in AS 08.68 are also met.

(c) Practical nurse candidates who receive a grade of "pass" on the examination will be issued a license by the board, provided all other qualifications and requirements outlined in AS 08.68 are also met.

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 12, § 44.300

(a) An applicant for a license to practice

(1) registered or practical nursing shall pass a registered nursing or practical nursing licensing examination as prescribed by the board;

Alaska Stat. Ann. § 08.68.190 (West)

Notes None

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State/Territory American Samoa
License Title Licensed Practical Nurse
Specialized Accreditation Required? No
Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Not Found
Curriculum Comparison Needed? No
Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board
Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board
Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No
Board/Agency Name American Samoa Board of Nursing
Board/Agency Website [None found](#)
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Not Found
Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) Not Found
Exam(s) Required Not Found
Notes American Samoa is a member of the NCSBN.
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State/Territory Arizona

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

B. If an applicant is a graduate of a pre-licensure nursing program in the United States that has been assigned a program code by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing during the period of the applicant's attendance, the applicant shall submit one of the following:

1. If the program is an Arizona-approved program, the transcript required in subsection (B)(2) or a statement signed by a nursing program administrator or designee verifying that:

- a. The applicant graduated from or is eligible to graduate from a registered nursing program for a registered nurse applicant; or
- b. The applicant graduated from or is eligible to graduate from a practical nursing program or graduated from a registered nursing program and completed Board-prescribed role delineation education for a practical nurse applicant; or

2. If the program is located either in Arizona or in another state or territory and meets educational standards that are substantially comparable to Board standards for educational programs under Article 2 when the applicant completed the program, an official transcript sent directly from one of the following as:

- a. Evidence of graduation or eligibility for graduation from a diploma registered nursing program, associate degree registered nursing program, or baccalaureate or higher degree registered nursing program for a registered nurse applicant.
- b. Evidence of graduation or eligibility for graduation of a practical nursing program, associate degree registered nursing program, or baccalaureate or higher degree registered nursing program for a practical nurse applicant.

Ariz. Admin. Code R4-19-301

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework 3. A practical nursing program shall provide clinical instruction that includes, at minimum, selected and guided experiences that develop a student's ability to apply core principles of practical nursing when caring for:

- a. Patients with medical and surgical conditions throughout the life span,
- b. Peri-natal patients, and
- c. Neonates, infants, and children in varied settings.

4. A nursing program shall assign students only to those clinical agencies that provide the experience necessary to meet the established clinical objectives of the course.

E. A nursing program may provide precepted clinical instruction. Programs offering precepted clinical experiences shall:

1. Develop and enforce policies that require preceptors to:

- a. Be licensed nurses at or above the level of the program either by holding an Arizona license in good standing, holding multi-state privilege to practice in Arizona under A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15, or if practicing in a federal facility, meet requirements of A.R.S. § 32-1631(5);
- b. For LPN preceptors, practice under the supervision required by A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15.

2. Develop and implement policies that require a faculty member of the program to:

- a. Together with facility personnel, select preceptors that possess clinical expertise sufficient to accomplish the goals of the preceptorship;
- b. Supervise the clinical instruction consistent with requirements of this Article, and
- c. Maintain accountability for student education and evaluation.

F. A nursing program may utilize simulation in accordance with the clinical objectives of the course.

Unless approved under R4-19-214, a nursing program shall not utilize simulation for an entire clinical experience with any patient population identified in subsection (D) of this Section.

Ariz. Admin. Code R4-19-206

Supervised Experience (In-Program) 3. A practical nursing program shall provide clinical instruction that includes, at minimum, selected and guided experiences that develop a student's ability to apply core principles of practical nursing when caring for:

- a. Patients with medical and surgical conditions throughout the life span,

- b. Peri-natal patients, and
- c. Neonates, infants, and children in varied settings.
- 4. A nursing program shall assign students only to those clinical agencies that provide the experience necessary to meet the established clinical objectives of the course.
- E. A nursing program may provide precepted clinical instruction. Programs offering precepted clinical experiences shall:
 - 1. Develop and enforce policies that require preceptors to:
 - a. Be licensed nurses at or above the level of the program either by holding an Arizona license in good standing, holding multi-state privilege to practice in Arizona under A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15, or if practicing in a federal facility, meet requirements of A.R.S. § 32-1631(5);
 - b. For LPN preceptors, practice under the supervision required by A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15.
 - 2. Develop and implement policies that require a faculty member of the program to:
 - a. Together with facility personnel, select preceptors that possess clinical expertise sufficient to accomplish the goals of the preceptorship;
 - b. Supervise the clinical instruction consistent with requirements of this Article, and
 - c. Maintain accountability for student education and evaluation.
- F. A nursing program may utilize simulation in accordance with the clinical objectives of the course. Unless approved under R4-19-214, a nursing program shall not utilize simulation for an entire clinical experience with any patient population identified in subsection (D) of this Section.

Ariz. Admin. Code R4-19-206

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

The Board shall implement A.R.S. §§ 32-1668 and 32-1669 according to the provisions of the Nurse Licensure Compact Model Rules and Regulations for RNs and LPN/VNs, published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., 111 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60601, www.ncsbn.org, November 13, 2012, and no later amendments or editions, which is incorporated by reference and on file with the Board.

Ariz. Admin. Code R4-19-311

Board/Agency Name Arizona State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.azbn.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ariz. Admin. Code R4-19-301

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

- 2. If the program is located either in Arizona or in another state or territory and meets educational standards that are substantially comparable to Board standards for educational programs under Article 2 when the applicant completed the program, an official transcript sent directly from one of the following as:
 - a. Evidence of graduation or eligibility for graduation from a diploma registered nursing program, associate degree registered nursing program, or baccalaureate or higher degree registered nursing program for a registered nurse applicant.
 - b. Evidence of graduation or eligibility for graduation of a practical nursing program, associate degree registered nursing program, or baccalaureate or higher degree registered nursing program for a practical nurse applicant.

Ariz. Admin. Code R4-19-301

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN or SBTPE for practical nursing

E. An applicant for a practical nurse license shall attain:

- 1. A passing score on the NCLEX-PN;
- 2. A score of not less than 350 on the NCLEX-PN, if the examination was taken before October 1988; or
- 3. A score of not less than 350 on the SBTPE for practical nurses.

Ariz. Admin. Code R4-19-301

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 6/30/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Arkansas

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework 35 credit hours

1. The education program shall include curriculum and learning experiences essential for the expected entry level and scope of practice.

- a. Curriculum development shall be the responsibility of the nursing faculty.
- b. Curriculum plan shall be organized to reflect the philosophy and graduate competencies.
- c. Courses shall be placed in a logical and sequential manner showing progression of knowledge and learning experiences.
- d. Courses shall have written syllabi indicating learning experiences and requirements.
- e. Theory content shall be taught concurrently or prior to related clinical experience.
- f. Clinical experiences shall include expectations of professional conduct by students.
- g. Curriculum plans for all programs shall include appropriate content in:
 - (1) Introduction to current federal and state patient care guidelines;
 - (2) Current and emerging infectious diseases;
 - (3) Emergency preparedness for natural and manmade disasters;
 - (4) Impact of genetic research;
 - (5) End of life care; and
 - (6) Legal and ethical aspects of nursing, including the Arkansas Nurse Practice Act.

2. The curriculum plan for practical nurse programs shall include:

- a. Theoretical content and clinical experiences that focus on:
 - (1) Care for persons throughout the life span including cultural sensitivity;
 - (2) Restoration, promotion, and maintenance of physical and mental health; and
 - (3) Prevention of illness for individuals and groups.
- b. The length of the practical nurse curriculum shall be no less than ten (10) calendar months which includes a minimum of thirty-five (35) credit hours in nursing content.
- c. Theory content may be in separate courses or integrated and shall include at least the following:
 - (1) Anatomy and physiology;
 - (2) Nutrition;
 - (3) Pharmacology and intravenous therapy;
 - (4) Growth and development throughout the life span;
 - (5) Fundamentals of nursing;
 - (6) Gerontological nursing;
 - (7) Nursing of adults;
 - (8) Pediatric nursing;
 - (9) Maternal/infant nursing;
 - (10) Mental health nursing; and
 - (11) Principles of management in long term care, including delegation.

Code Ark. R. 007.34.1-6-II

4. The curriculum plan for registered nursing and practical nursing education programs may include the use of simulation as a substitute for traditional clinical experiences, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of its clinical hours in each course. A program that uses simulation shall demonstrate the use of current standards of best practice for simulation and provide evidence of compliance that shall include:

- a. An organizing framework that provides adequate fiscal, human, and material resources to support the simulation activities.
- b. Management by an individual who is academically and experientially qualified. The individual shall demonstrate continued expertise and competence in the use of simulation while managing the program.
- c. A budget that will sustain the simulation activities and training of the faculty.
- d. Appropriate facilities for conducting simulation. This shall include educational and technological resources and equipment to meet the intended objectives of the simulation.
- e. Training for faculty involved in the use of simulation, both didactic and clinical,

- f. On-going professional development in the use of simulation, for faculty involved in simulations, both didactic and clinical.
- g. Programmatic outcome that are linked to simulation activities.
- h. Written policies and procedures on the following:
 - (1) short-term and long-term plans for integrating simulation into the curriculum;
 - (2) method of debriefing each simulated activity; and
 - (3) plan for orienting faculty to simulation.
- i. Criteria to evaluate the simulation activities.
- j. Student evaluations of simulation experiences on an ongoing basis.
- k. Information about the use of simulation, as requested by the Board of Nursing, on the annual report.

Code Ark. R. 007.34.1-6-II

Supervised Experience (In-Program) d. Clinical experiences shall be in the areas of:

- (1) Fundamentals of nursing;
- (2) Nursing of adults;
- (3) Pediatric nursing;
- (4) Gerontological nursing;
- (5) Maternal/infant nursing;
- (6) Mental health;
- (7) Administration of medications, including intravenous therapy; and
- (8) Management in long term care, including delegation.

Code Ark. R. 007.34.1-6-II

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Arkansas State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Code Ark. R. 007.34.1-6-II

Code Ark. R. 007.34.1-2-I

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

From the Board website:

If you graduated from a nursing program located in Arkansas, the Affidavit of Graduation is completed electronically by the program director after completion of all of the nursing education program requirements.

If you graduated from a nursing program outside of Arkansas, your nursing education program director must complete a paper Affidavit of Graduation form and mail it directly to the Arkansas Board of Nursing.

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

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 6/30/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory California

License Title Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

(c) Have successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an approved school of vocational nursing or have graduated from a school which, in the opinion of the board, maintains and gives a course which is equivalent to the minimum requirements for an approved school of vocational nursing in this state.

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 2866 (West)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework From the Board website:

1,530 Total Hours: Theory - *576 Hours; Clinical - 954 Hours

*Includes Pharmacology - 54 Hours

Program Length:

Full-Time 12-14 Months of Training

Part-Time 18-20 Months of Training

(https://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/licensees/licensed_vocational_nurses.shtml)

(a) Vocational nurse programs shall include theory and correlated clinical experience.

(b) The curriculum shall develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to care for patients of all ages in current health care settings.

(c) Curriculum content shall be taught in a sequence that results in students' progressive mastery of knowledge, skills, and abilities.

(d) The curriculum content shall include:

(1) Anatomy and physiology

(2) Nutrition

(3) Psychology

(4) Normal growth and development

(5) Nursing fundamentals

(6) Nursing process

(7) Communication, both verbal and written, including communication with patients who have psychological disorders

(8) Patient education

(9) Pharmacology which shall include:

(A) Knowledge of commonly used drugs and their action

(B) Computation of dosages

(C) Preparation of medications

(D) Principles of administration

(10) Medical-surgical nursing

(11) Communicable diseases, which shall include but not be limited to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

(12) Gerontological nursing

(13) Rehabilitation nursing

(14) Maternity nursing

(15) Pediatric nursing

(16) Leadership

(17) Supervision

(18) Ethics and unethical conduct

(19) Critical thinking

(20) Culturally congruent care

(21) End-of-life care

(e) The following related courses may be taught by additional faculty. Additional faculty are persons who have qualifications to teach in a community college or a state university in California or hold a

baccalaureate degree in the field related to the curriculum content taught, or meet the requirement for a vocational credential.

Courses

Maximum Hours of Instruction by Other Professionals Accepted by the Board

Anatomy and physiology

54

Psychology

54

Pharmacology

54

Nutrition

54

Normal Growth and Development

54

(f) All curricular changes that significantly alter the program philosophy, conceptual framework, content, objectives, or other written documentation as required in Section 2526, shall be approved by the Board prior to implementation. Proposed curricular changes must be submitted to the Board in final form by the fifteenth day of the second month preceding the month of the Board meeting at which the changes will be considered. Revisions should include:

- (1) Explanation of changes;
- (2) Rationale for proposed revision;
- (3) Description of revised curriculum materials; and
- (4) Changes to behavioral objectives, if applicable.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 2533

Supervised Experience (In-Program) From the Board website:

1,530 Total Hours: Theory - *576 Hours; Clinical - 954 Hours

*Includes Pharmacology - 54 Hours

Program Length:

Full-Time 12-14 Months of Training

Part-Time 18-20 Months of Training

(https://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/licensees/licensed_vocational_nurses.shtml)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

Board/Agency Website <https://www.bvnpt.ca.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 2516

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 2510

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Persons who desire to qualify for licensure under Section 2873 of the Code must meet the requirements of one of the following:

(a) Completion of a course in vocational or practical nursing in a school approved by another state, provided that the course completed is substantially equivalent to that prescribed by Section 2533 of this Chapter; or,

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 2516

From the website:

Method #2 - Graduates of an Out-of-State School of Practical/Vocational Nursing

This method requires completion of a course in vocational or practical nursing in a school approved by the Board of Nursing in the State in which it is located.

(https://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/applicants/application_for_vocational_nurse_licensure_by_examination.shtml)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None
Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

The examination for licensure as a licensed vocational nurse shall be the NCLEX-PN examination of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 16, § 2510

Notes None

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State/Territory Colorado

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (PN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

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

a. The applicant graduated from a traditional nursing education program that was accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and/or Council for Higher Education Accreditation and approved by a board of nursing of a state or territory of the United States;

b. An official school transcript reflecting completion of institutional requirements for the degree/diploma/certificate and the date of completion is provided in a manner approved by the Board; and
3 Colo. Code Regs. § 716-1:1.1-E

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements and other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements and other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Colorado Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 3 Colo. Code Regs. § 716-1:1.1-D

3 Colo. Code Regs. § 716-1:1.1-E

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

3. Submit proof of successful completion of an Approved Nursing Education Program, as set forth in Sections (E) and (F) of Rule 1.1.

3 Colo. Code Regs. § 716-1:1.1-D

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

a. The applicant graduated from a traditional nursing education program that was accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and/or Council for Higher Education Accreditation and approved by a board of nursing of a state or territory of the United States;

b. An official school transcript reflecting completion of institutional requirements for the degree/diploma/certificate and the date of completion is provided in a manner approved by the Board; and
c. All other requirements of state law and Rule 1.1 are met.

3 Colo. Code Regs. § 716-1:1.1-E

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

4. Submit proof of having passed:

a. The NCLEX RN or NCLEX PN examination for professional or practical nurses; or

3 Colo. Code Regs. § 716-1:1.1-D

Notes Titles:

(7) “Practical nurse”, “trained practical nurse”, “licensed vocational nurse”, or “licensed practical nurse” means a person who holds a license to practice pursuant to this part 1 as a licensed practical nurse in this state or is licensed in another state and is practicing in this state pursuant to section 24-60-3802, with the right to use the title “licensed practical nurse” and its abbreviation “L.P.N.” or “licensed vocational nurse” and its abbreviation, “L.V.N.”

Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 12-255-104 (West)

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State/Territory Connecticut

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (a) The curriculum shall meet the requirements of the parent institution in which the program is housed and state requirements for eligibility of the graduate for admission to the practical nurse licensing examination prescribed pursuant to Section 20-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) The curriculum shall integrate theory and clinical practice in a manner that shall cause the Nursing Education Program graduates to meet the educational outcomes for practical nursing described in Section 20-90-56 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(c) The length of the program shall be a minimum of fifteen hundred (1500) hours over no less than ten (10) months. Fifty percent (50%) of contact hours shall be in supervised direct client care experiences and observational experiences appropriate to the Program's Educational Outcomes.

Conn. Agencies Regs. 20-90-55

A graduate of a practical nursing education program shall be able to:

(1) Perform the duties and responsibilities of the licensed practical nurse within the framework of the Nurse Practice Act, Chapter 378 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(2) Apply nursing principles and theories in the implementation of the plan of care for clients under the direction of and in collaboration with the registered nurse by:

(A) collecting data concerning the biologic and psychosocial needs of individual clients along the wellness/illness continuum;

(B) implementing therapeutic nursing measures to maintain, promote, and restore optimum health to clients within the established plan of care;

(C) performing therapeutic nursing interventions based on principles from the biophysical and behavioral sciences, adapting these to the individual needs of clients as members of families and community systems;

(D) using ethical decision making and judgment in providing care;

(3) Assist in evaluating the effectiveness of nursing interventions, using observations and data collection to recommend changes in the plan of care;

(4) Perform appropriate data collection to monitor client status in response to alterations in health, treatment of health problems, and therapeutic nursing interventions;

(5) Recognize and report deviations from expected responses to alterations in health status or in the treatment of health problems;

(6) Intervene appropriately in emergency situations;

(7) Interact effectively with clients, families, and health team members through appropriate verbal, nonverbal, and written communications;

(8) Implement the care of groups of clients, using appropriate principles of priority setting, time management, and delegation;

(9) Utilize resources and the environment of care effectively to meet client needs and attain expected outcomes of care; and

(10) Demonstrate individual accountability by acting as an advocate for health care consumers and by maintaining accepted standards of care for a practical nurse.

Regs. Conn. State Agencies § 20-90-56

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (c) The length of the program shall be a minimum of fifteen hundred (1500) hours over no less than ten (10) months. Fifty percent (50%) of contact hours shall be in supervised direct client care experiences and observational experiences appropriate to the Program's Educational Outcomes.

Conn. Agencies Regs. 20-90-55

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name Connecticut Department of Public Health

Board/Agency Website <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/LPN/Practical-Nurse-Licensure>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Conn. Agencies Regs. 20-90-55

Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 20-96 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

From the Board website:

Note: For programs located outside of Connecticut, the Dean or Director of the nursing program must also complete and return directly to this office the Verification of Theory and Clinical Instruction Form. (<https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/lpn/practical-nurse-licensure-by-examination>)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

From the Board website:

Successfully complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination-PN (NCLEX-PN);

(<https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/lpn/practical-nurse-licensure-by-examination>)

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 7/1/2024

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State/Territory Delaware

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework 2.4.1.7.5 The curriculum, as defined by nursing education, professional and practice standards, shall include:

2.4.1.7.5.1 Experiences that promote the development and subsequent demonstration of evidence-based clinical judgment, skill in clinical management, and the professional commitment to collaborate in continuously improving the quality and safety of the healthcare system for patients.

2.4.1.7.5.2 Evidence-based learning experiences and methods of instruction, including distance education methods, consistent with the written curriculum plan.

2.4.1.7.5.3 Coursework including, but not limited to:

2.4.1.7.5.3.1 Content in the biological, physical, social and behavioral sciences to provide a foundation for safe and effective nursing practice;

2.4.1.7.5.3.2 Content regarding professional responsibilities, legal and ethical issues, history and trends in nursing and health care; and

2.4.1.7.5.3.3 Didactic content and supervised clinical experience in the prevention of illness and the promotion, restoration and maintenance of health in patients across the lifespan and from diverse cultural, ethnic, social and economic backgrounds. Patient experiences will occur in a variety of clinical settings and will include:

2.4.1.7.5.3.3.1 Integrating patient safety principles throughout the didactic and clinical coursework.

2.4.1.7.5.3.3.2 Implementing evidence-based practice to integrate best research with clinical expertise and patient values for optimal care, including skills to identify and apply best practices to nursing care.

2.4.1.7.5.3.3.3 Providing patient-centered, culturally competent care that recognizes that the patient or designee is the source of control and full partner in providing coordinated care by:

2.4.1.7.5.3.3.3.1 Respecting patient differences, values, preferences and expressed needs.

2.4.1.7.5.3.3.3.2 Involving patients/designees in decision-making and care management.

2.4.1.7.5.3.3.3.3 Coordinating and managing patient care across settings.

2.4.1.7.5.3.3.3.4 Explaining appropriate and accessible interventions to patients and populations that may positively affect their ability to achieve healthy lifestyles.

2.4.1.7.5.4 Collaborating with interprofessional teams to foster open communication, mutual respect, and shared decision-making in order to achieve quality patient care.

2.4.1.7.5.5 Participating in quality improvement processes to monitor patient care outcomes, identify possibility of hazards and errors, and collaborate in the development and testing of changes that improve the quality and safety of health care systems.

2.4.1.7.5.6 Using information technology to communicate, mitigate error and support decision making.

Code Del. Regs. 1900-2.0

6.1.8 To be eligible to take the examination for licensure for practical nursing, the applicant must be a graduate of a Board approved program for practical nursing that meets the education standards in subsection 2.4 and is substantially equivalent to DE practical nursing programs. To be eligible to take the examination for licensure for professional nursing, the applicant must be a graduate of a Board approved program for professional nursing that meets the education standards in subsection 2.4 and is substantially equivalent to DE professional nursing programs. A graduate of a program for professional nursing will be denied permission to take the examination for licensure as a practical nurse.

Code Del. Regs. 1900-6.0

Supervised Experience (In-Program) 2.4.1.7.4 A minimum of 200 hours of clinical experience is required for LPN students and a minimum of 400 hours of clinical experience is required for RN students. LPN clinical does not equate to RN clinical and may not be substituted or included for RN clinical in an educational program nor as RN clinical practice to meet the practice hour requirement for relicensure. Simulation - high fidelity or standardized patient - clinical scenarios may be substituted for traditional clinical experiences but must not exceed 50% of the program's clinical hours per course.

2.4.1.7.4.1 The program shall have an organizing framework that provides adequate fiscal, human, and material resources to support the simulation activities.

2.4.1.7.4.2 Simulation activities shall be managed by an individual who is academically and experientially

qualified. The individual shall demonstrate continued expertise and competence in the use of simulation while managing the program.

2.4.1.7.4.3 There shall be a budget that will sustain the simulation activities and training of the faculty.

2.4.1.7.4.4 The program shall have appropriate facilities for conducting simulation. This shall include educational and technological resources and equipment to meet the intended objectives of the simulation.

2.4.1.7.4.5 Both didactic and clinical faculty involved in simulations shall have training in the use of simulation, and shall engage in on-going professional development in the use of simulation.

2.4.1.7.4.6 The program shall demonstrate that the simulation activities are linked to programmatic outcomes.

2.4.1.7.4.7 The program shall have written policies and procedures on short-term and long-term plans for integrating simulation into the curriculum; method of debriefing each simulated activity; and a plan for orienting faculty to simulation.

2.4.1.7.4.8 The program shall develop criteria to evaluate the simulation activities. Students shall evaluate the simulation experience on an ongoing basis.

2.4.1.7.4.9 The program shall include information about its use of simulation in its annual report to the Board of Nursing.

Code Del. Regs. 1900-2.0

6.1.8 To be eligible to take the examination for licensure for practical nursing, the applicant must be a graduate of a Board approved program for practical nursing that meets the education standards in subsection 2.4 and is substantially equivalent to DE practical nursing programs. To be eligible to take the examination for licensure for professional nursing, the applicant must be a graduate of a Board approved program for professional nursing that meets the education standards in subsection 2.4 and is substantially equivalent to DE professional nursing programs. A graduate of a program for professional nursing will be denied permission to take the examination for licensure as a practical nurse.

Code Del. Regs. 1900-6.0

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Delaware Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Code Del. Regs. 1900-6.0

Code Del. Regs. 1900-2.0

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

6.1.8 To be eligible to take the examination for licensure for practical nursing, the applicant must be a graduate of a Board approved program for practical nursing that meets the education standards in subsection 2.4 and is substantially equivalent to DE practical nursing programs. To be eligible to take the examination for licensure for professional nursing, the applicant must be a graduate of a Board approved program for professional nursing that meets the education standards in subsection 2.4 and is substantially equivalent to DE professional nursing programs. A graduate of a program for professional nursing will be denied permission to take the examination for licensure as a practical nurse.

Code Del. Regs. 1900-6.0

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

6.1.1 The Board declares that the National Council Licensure Examination-RN (NCLEX-RN) and the National Council Licensure Examination-PN (NCLEX-PN) are the required examinations for licensure in Delaware. The Board of Nursing has the authority to review the content and validity of examinations.

6.1.2 Up to July 1982, the passing score for professional nurse candidates was a standard score of 350 on each test of the State Board Test Pool Examination.

6.1.3 Effective July 1, 1982, the passing score for Registered Nurse candidates was 1600 on the NCLEX-RN and 350 on NCLEX-PN.

Code Del. Regs. 1900-6.0

Notes Substantive equivalency requirement :

6.1.8 To be eligible to take the examination for licensure for practical nursing, the applicant must be a graduate of a Board approved program for practical nursing that meets the education standards in subsection 2.4 and is substantially equivalent to DE practical nursing programs. To be eligible to take the examination for licensure for professional nursing, the applicant must be a graduate of a Board approved program for professional nursing that meets the education standards in subsection 2.4 and is substantially equivalent to DE professional nursing programs. A graduate of a program for professional nursing will be denied permission to take the examination for licensure as a practical nurse.

Code Del. Regs. 1900-6.0

From the Board website:

An official transcript showing the degree you received and the date if you received your Nursing education in the U.S. or a U.S. territory other than Puerto Rico. The school must send the transcript directly to the Board office. The Board office cannot approve you to sit for the examination until it receives this final transcript.

The nursing program must be acceptable to the Board. Section 2.4.1 of the Board's Rules and Regulations explains the criteria for an acceptable Nursing program, such as 200 hours of clinical experience required for LPN students and at least 400 hours of clinical experience required for RN students.

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

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State/Territory District of Columbia
License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

5608.2 Upon becoming eligible for accreditation, the nursing education program shall pursue accreditation and shall provide evidence of current accreditation from a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education within twenty-four (24) months of eligibility.

5608.3 A nursing education program shall be part of and under control of a college or university that has accreditation by a regional accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 5608

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework 5608.17 The curriculum of all nursing education programs, shall include:

- (a) Evidence-based learning experiences and methods of instruction, including distance education methods, consistent with the written curriculum plan;
- (b) Coursework including, but not limited to:
 - (1) Content in the biological, social, and behavioral sciences to provide a foundation for safe and effective nursing practice;
 - (2) Content regarding professional responsibilities, legal and ethical issues, history and trends in nursing and health care; and
 - (3) Content in the prevention of illness and the promotion, restoration, and maintenance of health, and end of life care in patients across the lifespan and from diverse cultural, ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 5608

5608.25 The ratio of credit hours to laboratory hours shall not exceed one to three (1:3).

5608.26 Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the required clinical experiences may be replaced by clinical simulations with the following requirements:

- (a) The use of high-fidelity computerized mannequins or standardized patients in courses beyond foundations;
- (b) Debriefing, using education theory;
- (c) Conducted by faculty with training in clinical simulations; and
- (d) The use of clinical simulations in the areas of maternal-newborn, medical-surgical, critical care, and pediatrics, and psychiatric mental health.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 5608

Supervised Experience (In-Program) 600 hours

5608.20 In addition to the requirements of § 5608.17, the curriculum of pre-licensure nursing education programs shall include faculty-supervised clinical practice to occur in a variety of clinical settings and shall include:

- (a) Integrating patient safety principles throughout the didactic and clinical experiences;
- (b) Implementing evidence-based practice and patient values, including skills to identify and apply best practices to nursing care;
- (c) Collaborating with inter-professional teams through open communication, mutual respect, and shared decision-making;
- (d) Participating in quality improvement processes and monitoring patient care outcomes; and
- (e) Using information technology to communicate, mitigate error, and support decision-making;
- (f) Developing skills in direct patient care;
- (g) Making clinical judgments;
- (h) Caring and managing individuals and groups across the lifespan;
- (i) Measuring students' competencies that focus on demonstration of care management and decision-making skills when providing care;
- (j) When appropriate to the level of education, the delegating and supervising of other health care providers;
- (k) All student clinical experiences with preceptors; and
- (l) The following minimum number of hours:

(1) A minimum of six hundred and fifty (650) clinical hours for programs leading to the registered nurse license; or

(2) A minimum of six hundred (600) clinical hours for programs leading to the practical nurse license. 5608.21 Nursing education programs leading to a practical nurse license shall include supervised clinical experiences in the following areas:

- (a) Foundations;
- (b) Medical nursing;
- (c) Psychiatric and mental health nursing;
- (d) Pediatric nursing;
- (e) Community or home care; and
- (f) Long-term care.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 5608

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name DC Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://dchealth.dc.gov/bon>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 5504

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

5502.1 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for a license shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board in accordance with § 504(m) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.04(m), of the following:

- (a) That the applicant has successfully completed an educational program leading to licensure as a practical nurse which was approved by the Board or by a nursing board in the United States or U.S. territory with standards determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the standards in the District; or
- (b) That the applicant is a member of or has been honorably discharged from the United States Army with the rating of clinical specialist after completing the MOS 91C practical nursing program.

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 5502

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

5504.1 To qualify for a license by examination, an applicant shall:

- (a) Receive a passing score on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN). The passing score on the NCLEX-RN shall be the passing score established by the NCSBN;

D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 17, § 5504

Notes None

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State/Territory Federated States of Micronesia
License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Specialized Accreditation Required? No
Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Not Found
Curriculum Comparison Needed? No
Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board
Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board
Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No
Board/Agency Name Federated States of Micronesia Board of Nursing Licensure
Board/Agency Website [None found](#)
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation PL 8-45 § 17

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) Not Found
Exam(s) Required Not Found

Notes Application found here:
<https://hsa.gov.fm/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Nursing-License-Application-revised.pdf-fillable.pdf>

§ 917. License required.

No person shall practice nursing as defined in this chapter, or use the title of Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice Nurse, or in any way hold herself or himself out to the public or to any person or institution as entitled to practice nursing in the Federated States of Micronesia, without a valid license issued by the Board of Nursing.

Source: PL 8-45 § 17.

(http://www.fsmlaw.org/fsm/code/title41/T41_Ch09.htm)

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State/Territory Florida

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

(c) Is in good mental and physical health, is a recipient of a high school diploma or the equivalent, and has completed the requirements for:

1. Graduation from an approved program;
2. Graduation from a prelicensure nursing education program that the board determines is equivalent to an approved program;
3. Graduation on or after July 1, 2009, from an accredited program; or
4. Graduation before July 1, 2009, from a prelicensure nursing education program whose graduates at that time were eligible for examination.

Courses successfully completed in a professional nursing education program that are at least equivalent to a practical nursing education program may be used to satisfy the education requirements for licensure as a licensed practical nurse.

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 464.008 (West)

(1) “Accredited program” means a program for the prelicensure education of professional or practical nurses that is conducted in the United States at an educational institution, whether in this state, another state, or the District of Columbia, and that is accredited by a specialized nursing accrediting agency that is nationally recognized by the United States Secretary of Education to accredit nursing education programs. Fla. Stat. Ann. § 464.003 (West)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet NCSBN accreditation standards.

Graduation from an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited nursing program that has been issued an NCLEX code by NCSBN.

Graduation from a nursing education program that is approved or recognized by the jurisdiction in which it is based and that has been issued an NCLEX code by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).

(<https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/licensed-practical-nurse-registered-nurse-by-examination/>)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet NCSBN accreditation requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Florida Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://floridasnursing.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Fla. Stat. Ann. § 464.008 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(c) Is in good mental and physical health, is a recipient of a high school diploma or the equivalent, and has completed the requirements for:

1. Graduation from an approved program;
2. Graduation from a prelicensure nursing education program that the board determines is equivalent to an approved program;
3. Graduation on or after July 1, 2009, from an accredited program; or
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Fla. Stat. Ann. § 464.003 (West)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

Notes None

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State/Territory Georgia

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (5) Minimum Curriculum Content. An approved program of instruction or its equivalent shall contain no less than six hundred eighty-five (685) clock hours of theoretical nursing and general education content, and no less than four hundred eighty-five (485) clock hours of planned clinical practice for each student. Said program shall include the following subjects:

(a) Theoretical Content:

1. Required Content - The curriculum must include, but is not limited to, the following theoretical content areas and must contain a total of no less than six hundred eighty-five (685) clock hours.

(i) Anatomy and Physiology

(ii) Basic Microbiology

(iii) Medical Terminology

(iv) Basic Nutrition

(v) Basic Pharmacology

(vi) Medication Administration

(vii) Principles of IV Therapy

(viii) Legal and Ethical Healthcare Issues

(ix) Professional and Customer Relationships

(x) The Nursing Process and Critical Thinking Skills

(xi) Physical Assessment Techniques

(xii) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

(xiii) Principles and Skills of Nursing Practice

(xiv) Basic Emergency Care

(xv) Geriatric Nursing Care

(xvi) End of Life Nursing Care

(xvii) Medical Surgical Nursing Care

(xviii) Obstetrical Nursing Care

(xix) Pediatric Nursing Care

(xx) Mental Health and Illness Nursing Care

(xxi) Community Health Nursing Care and Health Care Delivery Systems

(xxii) Leadership and Management Skills

(xxiii) English

(xxiv) Math

(xxv) Psychology

(xxvi) Sociology

(xxvii) Chemistry

(xxviii) Computer Literacy

(xxix) National Practical Nursing Licensure Examination Preparation

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 410-9-.06

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (5) Minimum Curriculum Content. An approved program of instruction or its equivalent shall contain no less than six hundred eighty-five (685) clock hours of theoretical nursing and general education content, and no less than four hundred eighty-five (485) clock hours of planned clinical practice for each student. Said program shall include the following subjects:
Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 410-9-.06

(b) Required Clinical Experience: All of the following clinical experience areas must be provided in the curriculum:

1. Basic Emergency Care

2. Professional and Customer Relations

3. Physical Assessment Techniques for All Body Systems

4. Skills and Principles of Nursing Practice

5. Medication Administration

6. Intravenous Therapy Techniques

7. Health Maintenance and Prevention of Illness and Injury
8. Documentation of Nursing Care
9. Nursing Care of Aging Clients
10. Nursing Care of the Terminally Ill
11. Medical Surgical Nursing Care
12. Obstetrical Nursing Care
13. Pediatric Nursing Care
14. Mental Health and Illness Nursing Care
15. Community Health Nursing Care
16. Nursing Leadership and Management.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 410-9-.06

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Georgia Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing>

Statute/Regulation/RULE Citation Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 410-2-.05

Ga. Code Ann. § 43-26-32 (West)

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 410-9-.06

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(1.1) “Approved nursing education program” located in this state means a nursing education program approved by the board as meeting criteria established by the board. An “approved nursing education program” located outside this state means a nursing education program that the board has determined to meet criteria similar to and not less stringent than criteria established by the board for nursing education programs located in this state. In order to be approved by the board, a nursing education program must be one that is offered by:

(A) A unit of the University System of Georgia accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;

(B) An institution of the Technical College System of Georgia;

(C) A postsecondary institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; or

(D) A postsecondary institution of higher education that is not accredited in accordance with subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, but whose curriculum has been determined by the board to meet criteria similar to and not less stringent than criteria established by the board for other approved nursing education programs.

Ga. Code Ann. § 43-26-32 (West)

(5) Applicants for licensure by examination who have graduated from a Board approved program as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-32(1.1) located outside of Georgia must submit the following:

(a) A complete application containing data required by the board attesting that all information contained in, or referenced by, the application is complete and accurate and is not false or misleading, and the required application processing fee which is not refundable;

(b) Completed registration as required by the Board to cause the submission of a criminal background check as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-26-36.1;

(c) Official transcripts documenting graduation from an approved nursing education program determined by the Board to be comprised of substantially the same course of study as provided in Rule 410-9-.06;

(d) Secure and verifiable documentation of United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as required by Georgia law; and

(e) Any additional information requested by the board needed to establish eligibility.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 410-2-.05

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(1) The Board-recognized licensing examination is the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN), for which a passing result must be achieved.

Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 410-2-.05

Notes None

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State/Territory Guam

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(a) An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the Board a written, verified, evidence that the applicant:

(1) Is a graduate of an approved practical nursing program;

(2) Has successfully completed courses of study in an approved professional nursing education program, including experience in medical, surgical, obstetrics and pediatric nursing; or

§ 12314. Qualifications for Practical Nurses., 10 G.C.A. § 12314

(f) Any nursing education program outside of Guam shall, for the purpose of this Section, be deemed to be an approved nursing education program if that program meets the requirements for approval established pursuant to this Section and if such is recognized as a state-approved program by the appropriate state or national licensing authority in the state or jurisdiction in which the nursing education program is located.

§ 12321. Schools of Nursing., 10 G.C.A. § 12321

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Guam Board of Nurse Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://guamhpl.org/boards-commissions/hplo/guam-board-nurse-examiners>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation § 12315. Licensure of Practical Nurses., 10 G.C.A. § 12315

25 GU ADC 6404

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

In order to be licensed in Guam, all registered nurse or practical nurse applicants shall take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) or Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). The results will be reported to the applicant as pass or fail.

25 GU ADC 6404

Notes Guam is a member of the NCSBN.

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State/Territory Hawaii

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Graduates of the following programs shall be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, provided the requirements of section 16-89-48 have been met:

- (1) Any state-approved or National League of Nursing accredited practical nursing program in the United States or a United States jurisdiction;
- (2) Armed forces programs which have been approved by the board in the state where the program is located and provided the program meets or surpasses the educational standards of this board in accordance with this chapter;
- (3) Foreign nursing schools: Applicants shall have their transcripts evaluated by professional education credentials evaluators designated by the board and shall have a report sent directly to the board by the evaluator; and
- (4) A state-approved certificate by examination program recognized by the board.

Haw. Code R. 16-89-11 (Weil)

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:
a board approved in-state nursing education program; or
an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:
Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:
a board approved in-state nursing education program; or
an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:
Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name Hawaii Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 457-8 (West)

Haw. Code R. 16-89-11 (Weil)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? (3) Written evidence that the applicant has completed a licensed practical nurse program, or its equivalent, approved by the board, and holds a diploma or certificate therefrom.

Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 457-8 (West)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

Graduates of the following programs shall be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, provided the requirements of section 16-89-48 have been met:

Haw. Code R. 16-89-11 (Weil)

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Idaho

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

a. Accreditation. To qualify as an approved education program for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure, the nursing education program must be currently accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, or the Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation. (3-28-23)

Idaho Admin. Code r. 24.34.01.150

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Idaho Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://dopl.idaho.gov/bon/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Idaho Code Ann. § 54-1407 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

b. Out-of-State. Individuals who hold a certificate of completion from a nursing education program having board of nursing approval in another nursing jurisdiction will be eligible to make application to the Board to take the licensing examination, providing they meet substantially the same basic educational requirements as graduates of Idaho nursing education programs at the time of application. (3-28-23)

Idaho Admin. Code r. 24.34.01.100

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

a. Applicants for Registered or Practical Nurse Licensure. Applicants will successfully pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurse licensure or for practical nurse licensure, as applied for and approved. In lieu of the NCLEX, the Board may accept documentation that the applicant has taken and successfully passed the State Board Test Pool examination. (3-28-23)

Idaho Admin. Code r. 24.34.01.100

(1) Qualifications. To qualify for a license to practice practical nursing a person must:

(a) Have successfully completed the basic curriculum of an approved practical nursing education program or its equivalent; and

(b) Satisfy one (1) of the following requirements:

(i) Pass an examination adopted and used by the board to measure knowledge and judgment essential for the safe practice of practical nursing; or

Idaho Code Ann. § 54-1407 (West)

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Illinois

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

1) Proof of graduation from a licensed practical nursing education program that meets the requirements of Section 1300.230;

Ill. Admin. Code tit. 68, § 1300.200

o) The Division has determined that nationally accredited nurse programs meet the requirements set forth in this Section, except for those programs whose curriculums do not include a concurrent theory and clinical practice education component as required by Section 50-70 of the Act.

Ill. Admin. Code tit. 68, § 1300.230

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements and other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements and other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name Illinois Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/boards/nursing.html>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ill. Admin. Code tit. 68, § 1300.210

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

o) The Division has determined that nationally accredited nurse programs meet the requirements set forth in this Section, except for those programs whose curriculums do not include a concurrent theory and clinical practice education component as required by Section 50-70 of the Act.

Ill. Admin. Code tit. 68, § 1300.230

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

1) The passing grade on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for LPNs shall be based on an ability scale designed to measure minimum LPN competency. A pass/fail grade will be assigned.

Ill. Admin. Code tit. 68, § 1300.210

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Indiana

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (i) Candidates applying for the practical nursing licensing examination shall be required to meet the board's curricular requirements for the program in practical nursing as stated in the rules in effect at the time of their graduation. Candidates applying for the registered nursing licensing examination shall be required to meet the board's curricular requirements for the program in registered nursing as stated in the rules in effect at the time of their graduation.

848 Ind. Admin. Code 1-1-6

Sec. 18. (a) The length of a full-time program shall be a minimum of one (1) calendar year or its equivalent.

(b) The curriculum shall provide instruction in the following areas:

(1) Physical and biological sciences, including content drawn from the areas of:

- (A) anatomy;
- (B) physiology;
- (C) nutrition; and
- (D) pharmacology;

that may be integrated, combined, or presented as separate courses.

(2) Social and behavioral sciences, including content drawn from the concepts of mental health that may be integrated, combined, or presented as separate courses.

(3) The nursing content shall establish the following:

(A) Provide concurrent theory and clinical experience in the following areas:

- (i) Adult nursing.
- (ii) Maternity nursing.
- (iii) Nursing of children.
- (iv) Gerontological nursing.

(B) Include:

- (i) history;
- (ii) trends;
- (iii) legal aspects; and
- (iv) ethical aspects;

of nursing that may be integrated, combined, or presented as separate courses.

(C) Include content about chemical substance abuse among professionals.

(D) Computer technology shall be integrated, combined, or presented as a separate course.

(E) Standard precautions education shall be integrated, combined, or presented as a separate course.

848 Ind. Admin. Code 1-2-18

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (c) There shall be concurrent didactic instruction and clinical experiences in the care of patients from all age groups except when students repeat courses for failing or withdrawal. Those students may repeat the failed course by itself without also repeating the concurrent course.

848 Ind. Admin. Code 1-2-16

(b) There shall be written agreements between the program and any institution or agency, which is used for clinical experiences. Agreements shall state the responsibilities and privileges of both parties. Written agreements are not necessary for observational experiences.

(c) Nursing program faculty shall:

- (1) assign;
- (2) guide;
- (3) evaluate; and
- (4) supervise;

the learning activities of students in the clinical experience.

(d) The ratio of faculty to students shall be a maximum of 1:10 or any portion thereof in the clinical or observational experience, exclusive of the nurse director or coordinator.

848 Ind. Admin. Code 1-2-19

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN)

Board/Agency Website <https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/nursing-home/nursing-board/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ind. Code Ann. § 25-23-1-12 (West)

848 Ind. Admin. Code 1-1-6

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

From the Board website:

Nursing Education: The nursing program information must be entered on the Application.

After graduation, a Certificate of Completion must be completed by the Dean, Director, or Designee of a domestic nursing program with an original signature and sent directly to the Board's address via mail or digitally.

Effecting August 1st, 2021, Certificate of Completion must be sent to the Board directly from the Nursing school. We are no longer accepting Certificates of Completion submitted by the applicants.

(https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/nursing-home/nursing-licensing-information/#Initial_LPN_or_RN_License_by_Examination)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(d) The required Indiana passing criteria for the licensure examination is set by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing using the computerized adaptive testing methodology.

(e) An applicant may take the examination at any testing center in the United States approved by the National Council for State Boards of Nursing. An authorization to test must be provided by the Indiana board before testing.

848 Ind. Admin. Code 1-1-6

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Iowa

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Iowa Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medical/nursing-professional-midwifery>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Iowa Code Ann. § 152.7 (West)

Iowa Admin. Code r. 655-3.3(17A,147,152,272C)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

c. Complete a course of study approved by the board pursuant to section 152.5.

Iowa Code Ann. § 152.7 (West)

d. Requires, for graduation of a licensed practical nurse applicant, the completion of at least a one academic year course of study as prescribed by the board.

Iowa Code Ann. § 152.5 (West)

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

Iowa Admin. Code r. 655-3.1(17A,147,152,152E,272C)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

3.3(2) Successful passage of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX®) or the State Board

Test Pool Examination, the national examination used prior to 1982. The passing standard shall be the standard established by the testing authority at the time the test was administered.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 655-3.3(17A,147,152,272C)

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Kansas

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (e)(1) Each practical nursing program shall have at least 15 credit hours in nursing courses or the equivalent in clock-hours.

Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-2-104

(b) The curriculum in each nursing program shall include the following:

- (1) Content in the biological, physical, social, and behavioral sciences that provides a foundation for safe and effective nursing practice;
- (2) the art and science of nursing; and
- (3) didactic content and clinical experience to meet the objectives or student learning outcomes specified in subsection (c) or (d).

(d) Each practical nursing program shall provide instruction and clinical learning experience in the following areas:

- (1) The aspects of a safe, effective care environment, including the coordination of care, safety, and infection control;
- (2) health promotion and maintenance, including growth and development through the life span and prevention and early detection of disease;
- (3) psychosocial integrity, including coping, adaptation, and psychosocial adaptation;
- (4) physiological integrity, including basic care and comfort, pharmacology, reduction of risk potential, and physiological adaptation; and
- (5) intravenous fluid therapy, including, at minimum, didactic, supervised laboratory or supervised clinical practice as specified in K.A.R. 60-16-104.

Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-2-104

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (b) The curriculum in each nursing program shall include the following:

- (1) Content in the biological, physical, social, and behavioral sciences that provides a foundation for safe and effective nursing practice;
- (2) the art and science of nursing; and
- (3) didactic content and clinical experience to meet the objectives or student learning outcomes specified in subsection (c) or (d).

(d) Each practical nursing program shall provide instruction and clinical learning experience in the following areas:

- (1) The aspects of a safe, effective care environment, including the coordination of care, safety, and infection control;
- (2) health promotion and maintenance, including growth and development through the life span and prevention and early detection of disease;
- (3) psychosocial integrity, including coping, adaptation, and psychosocial adaptation;
- (4) physiological integrity, including basic care and comfort, pharmacology, reduction of risk potential, and physiological adaptation; and
- (5) intravenous fluid therapy, including, at minimum, didactic, supervised laboratory or supervised clinical practice as specified in K.A.R. 60-16-104.

Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-2-104

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Kansas Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://ksbn.kansas.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Kan. Stat. Ann. § 65-1116 (West)

Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-3-101

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(a) Qualification. An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall:

- (1) Have graduated from an approved school of practical nursing or professional nursing in the United States or its territories or from a school of practical nursing or professional nursing in a foreign country

which is approved by the board as defined in rules and regulations;
Kan. Stat. Ann. § 65-1116 (West)

(b) “Approval” means the status granted by the board to a nursing program that provides evidence of both of the following:

(1) The nursing program is operating on a sound educational basis that is consistent with the educational requirements as specified in the nurse practice act and the board's regulations.

(2) The nursing program has no deficiencies that would adversely affect student learning outcomes.

Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-1-104

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(c) License. (1) The board shall issue a license to an applicant to practice as a practical nurse who has:

(A) Met the qualifications set forth in subsections (a) and (b);

(B) passed a written examination as prescribed by the board; and

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 65-1116 (West)

(3) Each applicant for nursing licensure shall take and be required to pass the examination prepared by the national council of state boards of nursing. The examination fee shall be paid as directed by the national council of state boards of nursing.

Kan. Admin. Regs. 60-3-101

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Kentucky

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Kentucky Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://kbn.ky.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 314.051 (West)

201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:070

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Section 1. Eligibility for Licensure by Examination for a Graduate of a Kentucky Program or Other State or Territorial Nursing Program.

201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:070

Verification of Completion of Program of Nursing

If you attend a Kentucky program of nursing the school will submit your program completion through an Affidavit of Graduation (AOG) process.

If you attend an out of state program of nursing, you will need to submit an official transcript to the KBN. An official transcript is a transcript that is sent directly from the program of nursing, through a clearinghouse to the KBN.

Transcripts can be sent electronically via a clearinghouse such as Parchment or the program of nursing directly to KBN via the email address: kbn.credentials@ky.gov

(<https://kbn.ky.gov/licensed-practical-nurse/Pages/lpn-examination.aspx>)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(e) Apply to take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination.

201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:070

Notes Puerto Rico specific requirement follows. FL specific requirements follows as well.

(6) A graduate of a school of nursing in Puerto Rico after September 1, 2006, in addition to the other requirements of this section, shall provide evidence of evaluation of the graduate's transcript by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools or a credential evaluation organization that is a member of the National Association of Credentialing Evaluation Services. The evaluation shall indicate that the school of nursing is substantially equivalent to a school of nursing in this state.

201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:070

NOTE: If your nursing education was earned from a Florida program of nursing, an official transcript will be required as part of the examination application process and after initial review of your transcript, you will be contacted to send additional information as requested.

(<https://kbn.ky.gov/licensed-practical-nurse/Pages/lpn-examination.aspx>)

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Louisiana

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

A. A person applying for a license to practice as a practical nurse in the state of Louisiana shall:

1. be of good moral character;
 2. be a graduate of an accredited program in practical nursing;
- 46 La. Admin. Code Pt XLVII, 1701

Accreditation--a program is granted accreditation when evaluation by the State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners reveals that requirements of the statutes and regulations are being met. Accreditation as here used means accredited by the "Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners."
46 La. Admin. Code Pt XLVII, 501

An applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse shall:

- (1) Be of good moral character.
 - (2) Be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States.
 - (3) Satisfy either of the following requirements:
 - (a) Successfully complete an education program for practical nurses at a program approved by the board.
 - (b) Successfully complete an education program for registered nurses at a program approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.
- La. Stat. Ann. § 37:970

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements and other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements and other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://www.lsbpne.com>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation La. Stat. Ann. § 37:971

46 La. Admin. Code Pt XLVII, 1701

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

A. Applicants for licenses under this Part shall pass a written examination in all subjects required by the board. The written examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical examination.
La. Stat. Ann. § 37:971

3. attain a score of 350 or above for those writing the board-approved licensure examination for practical nursing prior to October 1988, or a result of "Pass" for those writing the examination in October 1988 and beyond;
46 La. Admin. Code Pt XLVII, 1701

From the Board website:

In order for a person to be considered for approval to take the NCLEX-PN® licensing exam, he/she must submit an LPN Initial Exam application and fee, via the Nurse Portal. The candidate must meet the qualifications for licensure, including completion of an accredited program in practical nursing that meets

LSBPNE requirements.

(<https://www.lsbpne.com/licensure/>)

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Maine

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the board written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant satisfies one of the following qualifications:

1. Repealed. Laws 2003, c. 204, § H-6.
2. Approved program. The applicant completed a prescribed curriculum in a state-approved program for the preparation of practical nurses and holds a diploma or certificate; or Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32, § 2251-A

7. Approved nursing school. An “approved nursing school” or “approved nursing education program” means a school of nursing or a nursing department or division of a university or college or a school for the education of practical nurses approved by the board as provided in this chapter.

Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32, § 2102

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework b. Curricula preparing students for licensure as registered nurses or licensed practical nurses meet the Governing Organization's requirements for graduation and the criteria established by the NEP's national accreditation body. These include, but are not restricted to the following content areas:

- 1) Anatomy, physiology, chemistry, microbiology, and pathophysiology.
- 2) Sociology, psychology, communications, growth and development, interpersonal relations, group dynamics, cultural diversity, and humanities.
- 3) Legal, ethical, and professional considerations that influence nursing.
- 4) Pharmacotherapeutics, medication administration, nutrition, and diet therapy.

c. Theoretical and clinical instruction in nursing, which encompass the attainment and maintenance of patient safety, physical and mental health, and the prevention of illness for individuals and groups throughout the lifespan, is based on:

- 1) The nursing process of assessment, analyzing data, planning, implementing, and evaluating functions, as applicable to LPN and RN scope and standards of practice.
- 2) Applying best evidence to guide nursing practice and therapeutic interventions.

Code Me. R. tit. 02-380 Ch. 7., § 4

Supervised Experience (In-Program) 5) A prelicensure NEP may use simulation as a substitute for traditional clinical experiences, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of its clinical hours. An NEP that uses simulation shall adhere to the standards set by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Simulation Guidelines for Prelicensure Nursing Education Programs as published in the Journal of Nursing Regulation, Vol. 6, Issue 3, pp. 39-42, October 2015, which is hereby incorporated by reference. . Copies of these guidelines are available through the Maine State Board of Nursing, 158 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333-0138.

Code Me. R. tit. 02-380 Ch. 7., § 4

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Maine State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32, § 2252

Code Me. R. tit. 02-380 Ch. 7., § 4

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

From the application:

TRANSCRIPT(S)

Applicants graduating from out-of-state programs must have the school send or e-mail a final transcript with degree and date conferred to:

• Maine State Board of Nursing, 158 SHS, Augusta ME 04333 or • Exams.PFRNursing@maine.gov (<https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/PN%20Exam%20Licensure%20Requirements-Revised%203-2024.pdf>)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None
Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

The applicant is required to pass a written examination in subjects considered necessary by the board to determine the fitness of the applicant to practice practical nursing. Upon the applicant's successfully passing the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse, that license to be in force for a period of at least one year until the birth date of the licensee. The initial license is renewable as provided in section 2255.

Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 32, § 2252

Notes None

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State/Territory Maryland

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(ii) An education program in licensed practical nursing in any other state or country that the Board finds substantially equivalent to the education program in this State at the time of the applicant's graduation.
Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-302 (West)

C. "Substantially equivalent" means a registered nursing or licensed practical nursing education program that:

(1) Contains theoretical learning experiences and related clinical learning experiences that include direct patient care within various settings consistent with program objectives, outcomes, or competencies conducted either concurrently with or after the theoretical learning experience; and

(2) Meets the curriculum requirements for Maryland schools of nursing at the time of the applicant's graduation, including, but not limited to:

(a) The appropriate level of the graduate's intended scope of practice;

(b) Didactic and clinical learning experiences that are diverse and consistent with program objectives, outcomes, or competencies;

(c) Didactic and clinical instruction in nursing care of families and clients throughout the life span in a variety of care settings requiring nursing measures appropriate for:

(i) The maintenance or restoration of mental and physical health;

(ii) Preventive, rehabilitative, and curative aspects of health care;

(iii) Biophysical, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual components of health and illness; and

(iv) Professional issues content; and

(d) Didactic and clinical instructional content that includes, but is not limited to, the areas of:

(i) Medical and surgical nursing;

(ii) Maternal and child health;

(iii) Psychiatric nursing; and

(iv) Geriatric nursing.

D. "Substantially equivalent" does not mean a registered nurse or licensed practical nursing education program in another state or country that does not have a supervised clinical learning experience requirement.

Md. Code Regs. 10.27.01.01

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

A. The Board shall place on its list of approved programs any nursing education program in Maryland granted accreditation by a BRNAA, provided the program meets all requirements of this chapter.

Md. Code Regs. 10.27.03.02

(4) "Board-recognized nursing accreditation agency (BRNAA)" means a national or regional nursing education accreditation agency recognized by the:

(a) Secretary of the United States Department of Education (USDOE); and

(b) Board.

Md. Code Regs. 10.27.03.01

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

(b) A licensed practical nursing education program in any other state, territory, or country determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the licensed practical nursing education programs approved in this State at the time of the applicant's graduation; or

Md. Code Regs. 10.27.01.05

Specific Coursework C. "Substantially equivalent" means a registered nursing or licensed practical nursing education program that:

(1) Contains theoretical learning experiences and related clinical learning experiences that include direct patient care within various settings consistent with program objectives, outcomes, or competencies conducted either concurrently with or after the theoretical learning experience; and

(2) Meets the curriculum requirements for Maryland schools of nursing at the time of the applicant's

graduation, including, but not limited to:

- (a) The appropriate level of the graduate's intended scope of practice;
- (b) Didactic and clinical learning experiences that are diverse and consistent with program objectives, outcomes, or competencies;
- (c) Didactic and clinical instruction in nursing care of families and clients throughout the life span in a variety of care settings requiring nursing measures appropriate for:
 - (i) The maintenance or restoration of mental and physical health;
 - (ii) Preventive, rehabilitative, and curative aspects of health care;
 - (iii) Biophysical, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual components of health and illness; and
 - (iv) Professional issues content; and
- (d) Didactic and clinical instructional content that includes, but is not limited to, the areas of:
 - (i) Medical and surgical nursing;
 - (ii) Maternal and child health;
 - (iii) Psychiatric nursing; and
 - (iv) Geriatric nursing.

D. "Substantially equivalent" does not mean a registered nurse or licensed practical nursing education program in another state or country that does not have a supervised clinical learning experience requirement.

Md. Code Regs. 10.27.01.01

In-state curriculum requirements follow:

D. The curriculum of all programs shall:

- (1) Be appropriate to the level of the graduate's intended scope of practice;
- (2) Provide didactic and clinical learning experiences that are diverse and consistent with program objectives, outcomes, or competencies; and
- (3) Include:
 - (a) Content in the arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and biological and physical sciences;
 - (b) The nursing process;
 - (c) Didactic and clinical instruction which includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:
 - (i) Nursing care of families and clients throughout the life span in a variety of care settings requiring nursing measures appropriate for either the maintenance or restoration of mental and physical health;
 - (ii) Preventive, rehabilitative, and curative aspects of health care; and
 - (iii) Biophysical, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual components of health and illness;
 - (d) Professional issues content including, but not limited to:
 - (i) The historical development of nursing;
 - (ii) Current issues and trends in nursing; and
 - (iii) Ethical, legal, and professional aspects of nursing;
 - (e) Multidisciplinary communication;
 - (f) Evidence based practice;
 - (g) Patient centered care;
 - (h) Quality improvement; and
 - (i) Informatics.

Md. Code Regs. 10.27.03.13

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (2) Provide didactic and clinical learning experiences that are diverse and consistent with program objectives, outcomes, or competencies; and

Md. Code Regs. 10.27.03.13

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Maryland Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://mbon.maryland.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-304 (West)

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-302 (West)

Md. Code Regs. 10.27.01.01

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Licensed practical nurses

(c) An applicant for a license to practice licensed practical nursing shall:

(1) Meet all requirements for a high school diploma or its equivalent; and

(2) Complete satisfactorily and meet all requirements for a diploma from:

(i) A licensed practical nursing education program or its equivalent approved by the Board; or

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

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-302 (West)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this title, the applicant shall pass an examination developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and administered at a testing site approved by the National Council.

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-302 (West)

Notes None

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State/Territory Massachusetts

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

Out-of-state nursing education programs must comply with the following standards to the extent specified in 244 CMR 6.03(2). In-state nursing education programs must comply with all of the following standards:

(1) Program Accreditation, Mission and Governance.

(a) The program shall be affiliated with a parent institution that has and maintains its accreditation.

(b) The program shall obtain and maintain program accreditation as follows:

1. A program that receives written notice of Full approval status dated before July 1, 2016, and has never obtained program accreditation, shall obtain program accreditation candidacy on or before December 31, 2022 and program accreditation on or before the December 31, 2025.

244 Mass. Code Regs. 6.04

(2) Out-of-state Programs. Nursing education programs offered by a parent institution with a principal place of business outside of Massachusetts must:

(a) be offered by a parent institution that has and maintains parent institution accreditation;

(b) be designed to prepare and qualify a graduate to write the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX--PN;

(c) be approved to operate by the board of nursing or corresponding body in the state where the parent institution has its principle place of business;

(d) be located in a jurisdiction which maintain standards substantially the same as those required for an approved nursing education program in Massachusetts; and

244 Mass. Code Regs. 6.03

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements and other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements and other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.mass.gov/nursing-licenses>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 244 Mass. Code Regs. 8.03

244 Mass. Code Regs. 6.03

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(b) proof satisfactory to the Board of the applicant's graduation from an approved nursing education program for Practical Nurses or Registered Nurses:

1. if such program is located in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. Territory, the applicant shall arrange for the following items to be sent directly to the Board from the program:

a. certification of graduation by the program administrator or the program administrator's designee; and

b. an original transcript from the Practical Nurse education program from which the applicant graduated verifying date of graduation and the credential conferred;

244 Mass. Code Regs. 8.03

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Domestic violence and sexual violence training

(1) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 264, applicants and licensees shall participate in domestic violence and sexual violence training as a condition for licensure, renewal, revival or reinstatement of licensure.

(2) The Board, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, will identify programs or courses of study that meet the standards required by this provision and provide its licensees with a list of such programs or courses.

244 Mass. Code Regs. 8.07

The board of registration in medicine, the board of registration in nursing, the board of registration of physician assistants, the board of nursing home administrators, the board of registration of social workers, the board of registration of psychologists and the board of registration of allied mental health and human services professions shall develop and administer standards for licensure, registration or certification pursuant to this chapter, as applicable, and any renewal thereof, that require training and education on the issue of domestic violence and sexual violence, including, but not limited to, the common physiological and psychological symptoms of domestic violence and sexual violence, the physiological and psychological effects of domestic violence and sexual violence on victims, including children who witness such abuse, the challenges of domestic violence and sexual violence victims who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, low-income, minority, immigrant or non-English speaking, availability of rape and sexual assault shelter and support services within the commonwealth. Training shall also address the pathology of offenders including, but not limited to, identifying the system of abusive behaviors used to maintain control, the intentionality of the violence, the tendency to minimize abuse and blame the victim and the risk to the victim created by joint counseling. Each board may work with community-based domestic violence, rape and sexual assault service providers and certified batterer's intervention programs in order to develop the standards required by this section. Each board shall: (i) promulgate rules and regulations establishing the standards required by this section; and (ii) identify programs or courses of study which meet these standards and the promulgated rules or regulations. Each board shall provide a list of the identified programs or courses of study to an applicant for licensure, registration or certification, or renewal thereof.

Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 112, § 264 (West)

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(1) An applicant for initial licensure as a Practical Nurse by examination shall submit to the Board the following documentation to establish the applicant's eligibility to write the NCLEX-PN:

244 Mass. Code Regs. 8.03

(e) after meeting the eligibility criteria in 244 CMR 8.03(1)(a) through (d), proof satisfactory to the Board that the candidate has passed the NCLEX-PN during the NCLEX eligibility period.

244 Mass. Code Regs. 8.03

Notes Approved Nursing Education Program. A nursing education program for Registered Nurses or Practical Nurses, as applicable, located in Massachusetts and approved by the Board pursuant to 244 CMR 6.00: Approval of Nursing Education Programs and the General Conduct Thereof, or a nursing education program located outside Massachusetts which, in the opinion of the Board, maintains standards substantially the same as those required for approval of a nursing education program in Massachusetts and which program is approved by the nursing board or corresponding body in the jurisdiction where the program is located.

244 Mass. Code Regs. 10.01

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State/Territory Michigan

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

(2) To be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN examination, an applicant shall establish that he or she has successfully completed a licensed practical nurse education program that satisfies 1 of the following:

(a) The applicant has successfully completed a practical nurse education program that is located in this state and is approved by the board.

(b) The applicant has successfully completed a practical nurse education program that is located in another state of the United States and that program complies with either of the following:

(i) The program is accredited by a nursing education accrediting agency listed in R 338.10303d(2).

(ii) If the program is not accredited by a nursing education accrediting agency listed in R 338.10303(d)

(2), the applicant must provide all the following:

(A) The applicant's official transcripts from the academic institution where the nursing education program was completed.

(B) A letter to the department from the program, on official program letterhead, signed by the director of nursing, attesting that the program curriculum complies with both of the following:

(1) The practical nursing education program is not less than 40 weeks in duration and includes courses in both theory and clinical practice that comply with R 338.10303d, R 338.10306, R 338.10307, and R 338.10309.

(2) The practical nursing education program curriculum contains the core curriculum as defined in R 338.10301(g).

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10210

(2) The board recognizes the following nursing education accrediting agencies or their successor organizations:

(a) Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

(b) Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA).

(c) Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10303d

Curriculum Comparison Needed? If not accredited, yes.

Specific Coursework If not accredited, program must meet the following standards:

(B) A letter to the department from the program, on official program letterhead, signed by the director of nursing, attesting that the program curriculum complies with both of the following:

(1) The practical nursing education program is not less than 40 weeks in duration and includes courses in both theory and clinical practice that comply with R 338.10303d, R 338.10306, R 338.10307, and R 338.10309.

(2) The practical nursing education program curriculum contains the core curriculum as defined in R 338.10301(g).

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10210

(g) "Core curriculum for licensed practical nurse applicants" means courses in didactic instruction and planned clinical experience, which encompass the LPN scope of practice, in each of the following areas of nursing:

(i) Adult health nursing, which must consist of the study of nursing care throughout the adult lifespan; providing care for the acute and chronic phases of a medical illness; health promotion; and disease prevention.

(ii) Maternal and reproductive nursing, which must consist of the study of nursing care for women and their families in the gynecological, antepartum, labor and delivery, and postpartum phases of pregnancy, and includes the care of the newborn infant.

(iii) Children's nursing, which must consist of the study of nursing care for children whose ages range from birth through adolescence and who are receiving nursing care for both medical and surgical reasons.

(iv) Surgical nursing, which must consist of the study of nursing care throughout the adult lifespan, providing care before, during, and after a surgical procedure, health promotion, and disease prevention.

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10301

Rule 306. The sponsoring agency's curriculum shall include all of the following:

- (a) A statement of philosophy shall be established that is consistent with the philosophy of the sponsoring agency and that is implemented in the program of nursing education.
 - (b) End of program student learning outcomes and course student learning outcomes shall be established to serve as a guide in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the curriculum. The outcomes shall be leveled in a manner that shows progression throughout the program, and shall be reviewed periodically and revised as necessary.
 - (c) Learning experiences and methods of instruction shall be selected to fulfill the stated outcomes of each nursing course.
 - (d) Related clinical experiences and clinical laboratory and simulation laboratory hours shall be provided concurrently with, or immediately after, the theoretical presentation of the course content. Simulation laboratory hours shall be limited to no more than 50% of each clinical experience. In practical nursing education programs, simulation laboratory hours for obstetrics and pediatrics courses are unlimited and may equal 100% of the clinical experience hours.
 - (e) Evaluation methods and tools to be used for measuring student achievement shall be determined by the faculty in keeping with the assessment methods of the sponsoring agency. These methods and tools shall be known to the students in the program.
 - (f) The director and faculty shall evaluate all aspects of the curriculum on a systematic basis. Records of the results of the evaluation shall be maintained for board review, if requested.
- Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10306

Rule 307. (1) The program director and faculty shall organize, develop, implement, control, and evaluate the curriculum on a regularly scheduled basis within the framework of the philosophy, purposes, and outcomes of the sponsoring agency and those approved by the board.

- (2) The curriculum outcomes must identify the behavioral expectations of the graduate of the program and must be used for all of the following purposes:
- (a) Developing, organizing, implementing, and evaluating the curriculum.
 - (b) Identifying outcomes for levels of progression and course and program completion.
 - (c) Providing to the student an organized pattern to follow in which the sequence of learning is from the simple to the complex and from the known to the unknown, with each learning experience built on previously learned information of nursing and related scientific knowledge.
 - (d) Organizing the courses to approximate, as closely as possible, the schedules of the sponsoring agency in terms, quarters, semesters, or trimesters.
 - (e) Distributing the courses throughout the curriculum so that an unreasonable overload does not exist in any segment of the sequence.
- (3) The philosophy and conceptual framework or rationale for the program must be the basis for the organization of the nursing content of the curriculum.
- (4) The course content and other learning experiences must promote student growth in all of the following areas:
- (a) The understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the members of the nursing profession.
 - (b) The application of the principles of nursing and the sciences which are basic to nursing practice in the development of plans of care for the patient or client.
 - (c) The provision of direct and indirect nursing care.
 - (d) The understanding of effective human relations and demonstrating the ability to use these principles in nursing situations.
 - (e) The recognition of physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs of diverse patient/client populations in the provision of nursing care.
 - (f) The understanding of health, including the manifestations of disease and the initiation, organization, and application of the principles underlying the nursing care provided.
 - (g) Developing skills and abilities in the administration of all aspects of nursing care using the nursing process, including all of the following:
 - (i) Communications.
 - (ii) Critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and problem solving.
 - (iii) Understanding legal and professional responsibilities.
 - (iv) Inter-professional relationships with other health care providers.
 - (v) Evidence-based practice.

- (vi) Quality and safety.
 - (h) Understanding and protecting the rights of patients or clients.
 - (5) All cooperating agencies selected for clinical laboratory and simulation laboratory experiences shall have standards of nursing care that demonstrate concern for the patient or client and evidence the skillful application of all measures of quality and safe, evidence-based nursing practice.
 - (6) All cooperating agencies shall have a current license, if required, for their operation and adhere to the local zoning ordinances governing their operation.
 - (7) When a nurse site reviewer visits a site, he or she may survey cooperating agencies as a part of the review process to determine the contribution each makes to the course and program outcomes. Selection must be made by the nurse site reviewer.
 - (8) Each resource selected to provide clinical experience shall indicate a willingness to cooperate in the curriculum by providing a letter of intent, a written agreement, or a formal contract. Each cooperating agency shall provide experiences of a quality and quantity that enable all students to meet the outcomes established for the clinical experience pursuant to R 338.10303.
- Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10307

Rule 309. (1) The director and faculty of a program of nursing education leading to licensure as a licensed practical nurse shall comply with all of the following provisions:

- (a) Select courses and ensure teaching concepts on which the theory and practice of practical nursing are based. The basic principles of the natural and applied sciences that are fundamental to the theory and practice of practical nursing and that are applied in the planning and implementation of nursing care must be included.
 - (b) Provide courses and clinical and simulation laboratory experiences in the care of individuals across diverse age groups, genders, races, and cultures, in medical, surgical, pediatric, obstetrical, and geriatric nursing and provide supervised practice in the administration of medications. Clinical laboratory, simulation laboratory, and clinical experience hours must be sufficient to meet the outcomes of the curriculum.
 - (c) Ensure that courses include content relating to all of the following:
 - (i) The legal scope of practice of a licensed practical nurse.
 - (ii) The standards of conduct for members of the nursing profession and, in particular, a licensed practical nurse.
 - (iii) Historical perspectives of nursing and current legal-ethical issues.
 - (iv) Licensure requirements.
 - (d) Select cooperating agencies that meet the requirements of R 338.10307(5), (6), and (8).
- (2) A licensed practical nursing education program may substitute up to 50% of clinical hours per specialty content area within a course with simulation laboratory experiences, except for pediatric and obstetric clinical hours. A licensed practical nursing education program may substitute up to 100% of pediatric and obstetric clinical hours with simulation laboratory. For simulation laboratory experiences, the board adopts by reference the standards of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning, as specified in the publication entitled, "Standards of Best Practice: Simulation" 2016. The standards are available from the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning's website at <http://www.inacsl.org> at no cost. Copies of the standards are available for inspection and distribution at cost from the Board of Nursing, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, 611 W. Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.
- Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10309

Supervised Experience (In-Program) See Specific Coursework.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name Michigan Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/nursing>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10209

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(2) An applicant for a licensed practical nurse license shall establish that he or she meets the eligibility requirements to sit for the NCLEX-PN examination set forth in R 338.10210 and shall pass the NCLEX-PN examination.

Mich. Admin. Code R 338.10209

From the application:

Passing NCLEX-LPN Examination Scores – Score reports will be received directly from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

(<https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/bpl/Nursing/Licensing-Info-and-Forms/Nursing-Licensing-Guide.pdf?rev=953e958a47a74d16ba6efe1e81af03fa>)

Notes Additional documents required for non-accredited program graduates.

From the application:

If you completed a practical nurse education program in another state that was not accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), the Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), you must additionally have the following submitted for review:

A letter to the department from the program, on official program letterhead, signed by the director of nursing, attesting that the program curriculum complies with both of the following:

1) The practical nursing education program is not less than 40 weeks in duration and includes courses in both theory and clinical practice that comply with R 338.10303d, R 338.10306, R 338.10307, and R 338.10309.

2) The practical nursing education program curriculum contains the core curriculum as defined in R 338.10301(g).

(<https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/bpl/Nursing/Licensing-Info-and-Forms/Nursing-Licensing-Guide.pdf?rev=953e958a47a74d16ba6efe1e81af03fa>)

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State/Territory Minnesota

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements or other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements or other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name Minnesota Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Minn. R. 6305.0400

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(2) present evidence of completion of a nursing education program approved by the board, another United States nursing board, or a Canadian province, which prepared the applicant for the type of license for which the application has been submitted; and

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 148.211 (West)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

Subp. 12. Licensure examination. The licensure examinations are the examinations of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. An applicant must receive a pass on the National Council Licensure Examination.

Minn. R. 6305.0400

Notes None

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State/Territory Mississippi

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework Curriculum document available in the Notes.

Applicants from other state-approved programs in the United States or territories shall be eligible to qualify for licensure by examination in Mississippi and must:

A. Submit an official transcript to the board that indicates graduate has successfully completed a program that meets substantially the same or exceeds nursing program educational content requirements in Mississippi;

30 Code Miss. R. Pt. 2810, R. 1.9

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Curriculum document available in the Notes.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Mississippi Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.msbn.ms.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Miss. Code Ann. § 73-15-21 (West)

30 Code Miss. R. Pt. 2810, R. 1.9

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Applicants from other state-approved programs in the United States or territories shall be eligible to qualify for licensure by examination in Mississippi and must:

A. Submit an official transcript to the board that indicates graduate has successfully completed a program that meets substantially the same or exceeds nursing program educational content requirements in Mississippi;

B. Submit official documentation of eligibility for graduation to the board if applicant has met all requirements for graduation, but degree has not been formally conferred. Such applicant must submit an official transcript within 30 days after the degree is conferred. Failure to submit such transcript shall result in the voiding of the license;

C. Comply with criminal background checks and fingerprinting in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-15-19 (1) and 73-15-21 (1);

D. Submit completed board application;

E. Pay required nonrefundable application fee upon submission of application to the board;

F. Submit the application by deadline dates established by the board;

G. Register for the examination with the designated testing service; and

H. Pay required fee upon examination registration to the designated testing service.

30 Code Miss. R. Pt. 2810, R. 1.9

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(b) The applicant shall be required to pass the written examination selected by the board.

(c) Upon successful completion of such examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse.

Miss. Code Ann. § 73-15-21 (West)

The Mississippi Board of Nursing (hereinafter referred to as board) shall accept annually the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) or its successor examination for registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and shall contract with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., for the examination.

30 Code Miss. R. Pt. 2810, R. 1.1

Notes Pt. 2865, R. 3.1. Standards must be met by all programs of practical nursing in Mississippi, including those programs that are nationally accredited.

30 Code Miss. R. Pt. 2865, R. 3.1

The program of learning utilizes the Mississippi Curriculum Framework for Post-Secondary Practical Nursing for the achievement of student learning and program outcomes.

30 Code Miss. R. Pt. 2865, R. 3.5

Curriculum document found here:

https://www.mccb.edu/sites/mccb/files/Curriculum-PDFs/health_science/51.3901_Practical_Nursing_2018.pdf

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Missouri

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (3) Curriculum Requirements. Content may be developed as a separate course or integrated. Integrated concepts shall be evident in the course objectives. Instruction shall be provided in the following areas:

(A) Biological and Physical Sciences. Content from these sciences shall include:

1. Anatomy and physiology;
2. Nutrition; and
3. Pharmacology;

(B) Social and Behavioral Sciences. Content from these sciences shall include concepts of:

1. Communication;
2. Interpersonal relations;
3. Culturally and spiritually sensitive care;
4. Patient involvement in decision making and care management; and
5. Promotion of healthy lifestyles for patients and populations;

(C) Growth and development/life span;

(D) Nursing Science. Theory and clinical instruction in nursing shall be based on the nursing process and encompass the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of physical and mental health and the prevention of illness for individuals and groups throughout the life cycle. Content shall enable the student to develop competency in each of the following areas while preparing for safe and effective practice as a practical nurse:

1. Fundamentals of nursing;
2. Nursing of adults;
3. Nursing of children;
4. Nursing of the elderly;
5. Maternal and newborn nursing;
6. Mental health concepts;
7. Administration of medications; dosage calculation should be included;
8. IV therapy;
9. Leadership/management concepts, to include coordinating and managing continuous patient care;
10. Evidence-based practice;
11. Culturally sensitive care that is patient-centered, to include respect for patient differences, values, preferences, and expressed needs;
12. Patient safety;
13. Quality of care;
14. Use of information technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making; and
15. Measures to equip students to face unique psychosocial, spiritual, and physical stressors that healthcare professionals may encounter while carrying out their duties;

(E) Personal and vocational concepts shall exist as a discrete course in the curriculum and include the following content:

1. Ethical and legal aspects of nursing;
2. Nursing history and trends;
3. Role of the practical and professional nurse;
4. Inter-professional approach to patient care; and
5. Quality improvement processes; and

(F) External nursing examinations, if used, shall not be used solely for program progression or graduation.

(4) Syllabus Construction. Syllabi shall be current and available to all faculty, students, and cooperating agencies. Each syllabus shall include:

- (A) Course title, current date and year the course is offered, and required pre-requisites;
- (B) Course description;
- (C) Course objectives;
- (D) Teaching or learning strategies;

(E) Evaluation methodologies;

(F) Grading scale;

(G) Course policies; and

(H) Clock hour requirements related to theory, lab, and clinical instruction. Each syllabus should reflect credit hour requirements for theory, lab, and clinical instruction, if used.

(5) Distance Education Measures and Opportunities.

(Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, § 2200-3.100)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (H) Clock hour requirements related to theory, lab, and clinical instruction. Each syllabus should reflect credit hour requirements for theory, lab, and clinical instruction, if used.

(Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, § 2200-3.100)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Missouri Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-about-the-board.asp>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, § 2200-4.020

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? (B) The registered professional nurse (RN) candidate shall have successfully completed the basic prescribed curriculum and received a degree or diploma from a school with an approved professional nursing program. The practical nurse candidate shall have successfully completed a basic prescribed curriculum in an approved school of practical nursing and have earned a practical nursing degree, diploma, or certificate or completed a comparable period of training as determined by the board. A comparable period of training as determined by the board shall mean graduation from an approved professional nursing program with validation by examination of a personal and vocational concepts course by an approved practical nursing program or graduation from the Army Practical Nurse Program.

Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, § 2200-4.020

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(A) Written examination as used in Chapter 335, RSMo, shall mean the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's licensure examination.

Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 20, § 2200-4.020

Notes None

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State/Territory Montana

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Montana Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nursing/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Mont. Code Ann. § 37-8-415 (West)

Mont. Code Ann. § 37-8-416 (West)

Mont. Admin. R. 24.159.422

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(2) is a graduate of an approved practical nursing education program that is authorized to prepare persons for licensure as practical nurses; and

Mont. Code Ann. § 37-8-415 (West)

(3) Examination applicants for LPN or RN licensure by examination shall transmit:

(a) proof of educational attainment:

(i) an official transcript, sent to the board directly from the educational institution, verifying date of graduation and degree or credential conferred; or

Mont. Admin. R. 24.159.422

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(b) proof of successful passage of NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN, as applicable:

(i) applicants must complete all educational requirements and the board must receive all credential prior to determining the applicant eligible to test; and

Mont. Admin. R. 24.159.422

An applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse is required to pass a written examination in subjects as the board determines. A written examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical examination. The board may use any nationally standardized examination for practical nurse licensure identified by the board in its rules. The passing score shall be established by the board in its rules. On successfully passing the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse.

Mont. Code Ann. § 37-8-416 (West)

Notes None

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State/Territory Nebraska

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation program requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation program requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health

Board/Agency Website <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/nurse-licensing.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 38-2221 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall submit satisfactory proof that the applicant has completed four years of high school study or its equivalent as determined by the board and has completed the basic curriculum in and holds a diploma from an approved program of nursing. There is no minimum age requirement for licensure as a licensed practical nurse.

Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 38-2221 (West)

003.01 LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION. General requirements for licensure as a practical nurse or a registered nurse by examination include requirements found in the Uniform Credential Act, 172 NAC 10, and the following:

(A) Submit an official transcript documenting completion of the basic curriculum in an approved program of practical nursing or registered nursing; or a military program approved by the Board pursuant to Neb.

Rev. Stat. § 38-1,141;

172 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 101, 003

002.01 APPROVED PROGRAM OF PRACTICAL NURSING. A nursing program that meets the requirements for a practical nursing program set forth in 172 NAC 97.

172 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 101, 002

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(E) Pass the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®) or the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®).

172 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 101, 003

Notes None

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State/Territory Nevada

License Title Licensed Private Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

4. Has:

(a) Successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited school of practical nursing or an accredited school of professional nursing, and been awarded a diploma by the school;

(b) Successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an approved school of practical nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation or an approved school of professional nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation, and been awarded a diploma by the school; or

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.270 (West)

“Approved school of practical nursing” means a school of practical nursing that is approved by the Board as meeting the standards for practical nursing education established by the Board pursuant to NRS 632.430.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.01262 (West)

2. A school of practical nursing in this State must be:

(a) An accredited school of practical nursing; or

(b) An approved school of practical nursing in the process of obtaining accreditation.

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.430 (West)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation program requirements. Additional requirements follow:

Course in theory and clinical experience with medical-surgical nursing, maternal and child health nursing and principles of mental health

2. An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse must:

(a) Have graduated from high school or passed the general educational development test.

(b) Have graduated or received a certificate of completion from a program for registered nurses or practical nurses approved by the Board.

(c) Have successfully completed a course of study on the theory of and have clinical practice in medical-surgical nursing, maternal and child health nursing and principles of mental health if the applicant graduated from an accredited school of practical or vocational nursing after January 1, 1952.

(d) Pass the examination for licensure approved by the Board.

Nev. Admin. Code 632.150

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation program requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Nevada State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://nevadanursingboard.org>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.270 (West)

Nev. Admin. Code 632.150

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

From the Board website:

Your education must be received in one of the following ways:

i. Nevada graduates: This requirement may be completed by: 1) Your school sending the Board an affidavit of

graduation and official transcript on your behalf, or 2) You ordering an official transcript, which must indicate a nursing degree and graduation date, to be sent directly to the Board from your nursing program.

Please contact your program to determine if you are required to request your transcripts yourself.

Transcripts may be mailed to 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Ste B300, Las Vegas, NV 89119, or an electronic transcript may be sent to nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us.

ii. Out-of-state graduates: Order an official transcript, which must indicate a nursing degree and graduation date, sent to the Board directly from the school. Transcripts may be mailed to 4220 S.

Maryland Parkway, Ste B300, Las Vegas, NV 89119, or an electronic transcript may be sent to nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us.

(<https://nevadanursingboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/RNLPN-Exam-Instructions.pdf>)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

From the Board website:

3. Apply to NCLEX testing service through Pearson Vue. The application is available online at: www.nclex.com.

(<https://nevadanursingboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/RNLPN-Exam-Instructions.pdf>)

The Board shall grant a license to practice as a practical nurse in this State to each applicant who has the preliminary qualifications set forth in NRS 632.270 and who:

1. Passes the practical nurses examination, which examination must be given by the Board not less than once each calendar year; or

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 632.280 (West)

Notes From the Board website:

2. You must have graduated from a nursing program that has been accredited by a nationally recognized association authorized by law to accredit schools of nursing and have been awarded a degree/diploma in nursing to qualify for licensure in Nevada. The transcript must have your degree posted and graduation date. Nationally recognized associations are listed below. Your nursing program **MUST** be listed on one of the following websites for you to be eligible for licensure by exam in Nevada.

• The Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs: <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home>

• The NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation: <https://cnea.nln.org/accredited-programs>

• The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education:

<https://directory.ccnecommunity.org/reports/accprog.asp>

• The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing: <https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs>

(<https://nevadanursingboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/RNLPN-Exam-Instructions.pdf>)

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State/Territory New Hampshire
License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

(b) The board shall approve, disapprove, or withdraw approval for nursing education programs that meet or fail to meet the requirements of this chapter and the rules adopted by the board. Nursing education programs under this subparagraph shall not include education for nursing assistants. The board shall require that nursing education programs:

- (1) Seek and receive approval from the department of education, division of educator support and higher education prior to applying for approval from the board.
- (2) Receive institutional regional or national accreditation in addition to specialized nursing accreditation by accrediting bodies recognized by the United States Department of Education.
- (3) Be affiliated with an existing degree-granting institution with institutional regional or national accreditation recognized by the United States Department of Education.

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 326-B:32

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation program requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation program requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name New Hampshire Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/new-hampshire-board-nursing>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 326-B:17

N.H. Code Admin. R. Nur 302.02

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 326-B:32

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(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;

N.H. Code Admin. R. Nur 302.02

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(b) Each person seeking licensure as a registered nurse or practical nurse by examination who was educated in the United States or Canada, except for Quebec Province shall:

(1) Complete and submit to the board a forms packet containing the following forms listed below, including all required explanations as attachments:

a. "Application Process for Licensing by Examination (NCLEX)," as amended 12/2018, including verification that the individual has pre-registered with Pearson VUE and paid the required fee;

b. "NH Board of Nursing License by Examination (NCLEX) Application," as amended 12/2018;

N.H. Code Admin. R. Nur 301.01

(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.

N.H. Code Admin. R. Nur 302.02

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory New Jersey

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name New Jersey Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.J. Admin. Code § 13:37-2.1

N.J. Admin. Code § 13:37-2.2

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 45:11-27 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

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.

N.J. Admin. Code § 13:37-2.2

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(a) Every applicant for licensure as a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse shall meet the requirements for licensure, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 45:1–14 et seq., N.J.S.A. 45:11–26 and 27. Every applicant shall pass either the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX–RN) or the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX–PN).

N.J. Admin. Code § 13:37-2.1

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with

licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory New Mexico

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (a) minimum acceptable level of education for LPN licensure by examination for candidates enrolled in RN programs with LPN programs embedded include:

(i) minimum of 500 hours, 250 didactic, 250 (clinical and lab) which includes the minimum as follows; OB/Peds - 30 hours didactic/40 hours clinical; medical-surgical - 60 hours didactic/90 hours clinical; pharmacology - 45 hours didactic; and psych - 60 contact hours;

(ii) LPN transition course approved by the New Mexico board of nursing.

(b) request to New Mexico board of nursing for LPN licensure examination by acceptable level of education from an approved program of nursing that does not offer a PN program should include:

(i) transcripts with minimum of 500 hours in nursing education and proof of successful completion of board approved LPN transition course;

(ii) written communication from the director of the approved nursing program requesting permission for nursing students to test for LPN licensure.

(c) certification of eligibility for LPN licensure examination by students enrolled in a nursing program with a LPN track will need to include:

(i) transcripts with minimum of 500 hours in nursing education and board approved LPN transition course passed successfully on completion of board approved LPN transition course;

(ii) written communication from the director of the approved nursing program requesting permission for nursing students to test for LPN licensure.

N.M. Admin. Code 16.12.2.9

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (a) minimum acceptable level of education for LPN licensure by examination for candidates enrolled in RN programs with LPN programs embedded include:

(i) minimum of 500 hours, 250 didactic, 250 (clinical and lab) which includes the minimum as follows; OB/Peds - 30 hours didactic/40 hours clinical; medical-surgical - 60 hours didactic/90 hours clinical; pharmacology - 45 hours didactic; and psych - 60 contact hours;

(ii) LPN transition course approved by the New Mexico board of nursing.

(b) request to New Mexico board of nursing for LPN licensure examination by acceptable level of education from an approved program of nursing that does not offer a PN program should include:

(i) transcripts with minimum of 500 hours in nursing education and proof of successful completion of board approved LPN transition course;

(ii) written communication from the director of the approved nursing program requesting permission for nursing students to test for LPN licensure.

(c) certification of eligibility for LPN licensure examination by students enrolled in a nursing program with a LPN track will need to include:

(i) transcripts with minimum of 500 hours in nursing education and board approved LPN transition course passed successfully on completion of board approved LPN transition course;

(ii) written communication from the director of the approved nursing program requesting permission for nursing students to test for LPN licensure.

N.M. Admin. Code 16.12.2.9

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name New Mexico Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.bon.nm.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-3-18 (West)

N.M. Admin. Code 16.12.2.9

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(1) Completion of and eligible for graduation from a board approved course of study for the preparation of registered nurses or practical nurses, or an acceptable level of education as determined by the board or graduation from a program which is equivalent to an approved program of nursing in the United States:

(a) minimum acceptable level of education for LPN licensure by examination for candidates enrolled in RN programs with LPN programs embedded include:

(i) minimum of 500 hours, 250 didactic, 250 (clinical and lab) which includes the minimum as follows;

OB/Peds - 30 hours didactic/40 hours clinical; medical-surgical - 60 hours didactic/90 hours clinical; pharmacology - 45 hours didactic; and psych - 60 contact hours;

(ii) LPN transition course approved by the New Mexico board of nursing.

(b) request to New Mexico board of nursing for LPN licensure examination by acceptable level of education from an approved program of nursing that does not offer a PN program should include:

(i) transcripts with minimum of 500 hours in nursing education and proof of successful completion of board approved LPN transition course;

(ii) written communication from the director of the approved nursing program requesting permission for nursing students to test for LPN licensure.

(c) certification of eligibility for LPN licensure examination by students enrolled in a nursing program with a LPN track will need to include:

(i) transcripts with minimum of 500 hours in nursing education and board approved LPN transition course passed successfully on completion of board approved LPN transition course;

(ii) written communication from the director of the approved nursing program requesting permission for nursing students to test for LPN licensure.

N.M. Admin. Code 16.12.2.9

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

A. Applicants for licensure by examination shall be required to pass the national licensing examination for licensed practical nurses. The applicant who passes the examination may be issued by the board a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse.

N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-3-19 (West)

K. National council licensing examination:

(1) Applicants for licensure as registered nurses shall be required to pass the NCLEX-RN.

(2) Applicants for licensure as licensed practical nurses shall be required to pass the NCLEX-PN.

N.M. Admin. Code 16.12.2.9

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory New York

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(b) Licensed practical nursing. To meet the education requirements for licensure, the applicant shall have graduated from high school or its equivalent, and shall have:

(1) graduated from a program in nursing registered by the department or approved by the licensing authority in another state, territory, or possession of the United States as preparation for practice as a licensed practical nurse unless such program or any part thereof has been determined not to be satisfactory to the department;

(2) completed preparation in a program determined by the department to be equivalent to the programs described in paragraph (1) of this subdivision;

N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 8, § 64.1

From the Board website:

Education Programs

You must graduate from a nursing education program that meets one of the five criteria below.

A nursing education program registered by NYSED as license qualifying for LPN; or,

A nursing education program registered by NYSED as license qualifying for RN; or,

A nine month or longer education program offered by the U.S. Armed Forces which is acceptable to NYSED; or,

A nursing education program located in another state or U.S. Territory, if approved by the licensing authority of the state or U.S. Territory as preparation for practice as an LPN or RN. (U.S. territories include: Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa); or,
A general nursing education program located in a country outside of the United States or its territories, which is acceptable to NYSED.

(<https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/licensed-practical-nurses/license-requirements>)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Pending

Board/Agency Name New York State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/licensed-practical-nurses/license-requirements>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 8, § 64.2
N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 8, § 64.1

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(1) A candidate for licensure as a practical nurse shall pass an examination acceptable to the State Board for Nursing. Each candidate examined after September 11, 1974 shall have taken the same examination on the same dates such examination was given in this State.

(2) The passing score as determined by the State Board for Nursing for the licensed practical nurse licensing examination shall be reported as a single score.

N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. tit. 8, § 64.2

From the Board website:

In most cases, to meet the examination requirement for licensure as an LPN, you must pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEXPN). The NCLEX-PN was developed by the National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) and is administered by Pearson VUE. It is designed to test knowledge and skills essential for safe and effective entry level LPN practice. If you were licensed as an LPN or LVN in another state or U.S. Territory and passed the State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE) or the NCLEX-PN, you have already met the examination requirement for licensure as an LPN.

(<https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/licensed-practical-nurses/license-requirements>)

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory North Carolina
License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

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

21 N.C. Admin. Code 36.0211

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name North Carolina Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.ncbon.com>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 21 N.C. Admin. Code 36.0211

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

From the Board website:

The NC BON does recognize graduates from pre-licensure nursing education programs that are approved/accredited by other state boards of nursing as eligible to apply to take the NCLEX examination(s) and apply for licensure in North Carolina.

The NC BON encourages you to contact out-of-state pre-licensure nursing education programs directly for information and specific questions about the program and the program's approval/accreditation status in their state. It is recommended that individuals research the approval/accreditation status and credibility of any nursing education program before enrolling in individual courses or the entire program of study. In addition, offers to prepare students to more easily pass specific programs should be discussed directly with the nursing program before enrollment.

(<https://www.ncbon.com/news-publications-statistics-frequently-asked-questions-nursing-education>)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(7) apply to take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX|TRADE|E).

21 N.C. Admin. Code 36.0211

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory North Dakota

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

a. An applicant for licensure by examination to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse shall:

(1) Submit a completed application and appropriate fee as established by the board.

(2) Submit an official transcript that verifies completion of a board-approved in-state nursing education program that prepares the graduate for the level of licensure sought; or submit an official transcript that verifies completion of an out-of-state nursing education program that is approved by the state board of nursing of the jurisdiction in which the program is headquartered and that prepares the graduate for the level of licensure sought. The board shall adopt rules establishing standards for the approval of out-of-state nursing education programs.

N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 43-12.1-09 (West)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

From the Board website:

Completed a program preparing you for the level of licensure sought:

a board approved in-state nursing education program; or

an out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements:

Is approved by another board of nursing; and

Includes supervised clinical experience across the life span as part of the curriculum and is equivalent in amount and time to the ND Board of Nursing approved programs.

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

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name North Dakota Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.ndbon.org>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 43-12.1-09 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(2) Submit an official transcript that verifies completion of a board-approved in-state nursing education program that prepares the graduate for the level of licensure sought; or submit an official transcript that verifies completion of an out-of-state nursing education program that is approved by the state board of nursing of the jurisdiction in which the program is headquartered and that prepares the graduate for the level of licensure sought. The board shall adopt rules establishing standards for the approval of out-of-state nursing education programs.

N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 43-12.1-09 (West)

1. The curriculum of all practical nurse programs must include:

a. Content regarding biological, physical, social, and behavioral sciences and legal and ethical responsibilities for practical nursing practice;

b. Nursing process concepts;

c. Communication and documentation skills;

d. Pharmacologic concepts and medication administration;

e. Nutritional concepts;

f. Theory and clinical experience related to health promotion and disease prevention for individual clients across the lifespan and in a variety of clinical settings, including basic safety and infection control;

g. Learning experiences that promote client-centered care that:

(1) Involves clients in decisionmaking, self-care, and healthy lifestyles;

(2) Respects client differences, values, preferences, and expressed needs; and

(3) Is based on scientific evidence;

h. Learning experiences that promote supervision skills and socialization consistent with role and scope of practice and:

(1) Promotes functioning as a part of an interdisciplinary team; and

(2) Supervised clinical practice that includes management and care of groups of clients and delegation and supervision of unlicensed assistive persons;

i. Sufficient practice experiences to assure the development of nursing competencies of the specific role and scope; and

j. Learning experiences and methods of instruction which are consistent with the written curriculum plan.

N.D. Admin. Code 54-03.2-06-07

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(3) Pass an examination approved by the board.

N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 43-12.1-09 (West)

Each year the board of nursing shall contract to use the following examinations as the official North Dakota licensing examinations for nurses:

National council licensure examination for registered nurses.

National council licensure examination for practical nurses.

N.D. Admin. Code 54-02-01-01

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Northern Mariana Islands
License Title License Practical Nurse (LPN)
Specialized Accreditation Required? No
Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Not Found
Curriculum Comparison Needed? No
Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board
Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board
Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No
Board/Agency Name NMI Board of Nursing
Board/Agency Website <https://nmibon.info>
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Not Found
Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) Not Found
Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

• Your will receive your eligibility and you must register with Pearson Vue to take the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) and pay the required fee. You can register for the exam through one of the following:

(<https://nmibon.files.wordpress.com/2024/04/doc-8.-nclex-rn-lpn-requirements-for-licensure-by-examination-06.08.2024.pdf>)

Notes Northern Mariana Islands is a member of the NCSBN.

Application instructions found here:

<https://nmibon.files.wordpress.com/2024/04/doc-8.-nclex-rn-lpn-requirements-for-licensure-by-examination-06.08.2024.pdf>

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Ohio

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(2) To be eligible for licensure by examination or endorsement, an applicant seeking a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse must successfully complete one of the following:

(a) A nursing education program approved by the board under division (A) of section 4723.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) A nursing education program approved by a board of another jurisdiction that is a member of the national council of state boards of nursing;

(c) A practical nurse course offered or approved by the United States army;

(d) A practical nurse education program approved by the United States air force as either of the following:

(i) The community college of the air force associate degree in practical nursing technology;

(ii) The allied health program, for students who graduated that program prior to 2016.

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4723.09 (West)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Ohio Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://nursing.ohio.gov/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4723.09 (West)

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4723.10 (West)

Ohio Admin. Code 4723-7-02

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(C)(1) To be eligible for licensure by examination or endorsement under division (A) or (B) of this section, an applicant seeking a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse must successfully complete either of the following:

(a) A nursing education program approved by the board under division (A) of section 4723.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) A nursing education program approved by a board of another jurisdiction that is a member of the national council of state boards of nursing.

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4723.09 (West)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

With respect to individuals applying for licensure by examination, the board of nursing shall accept all or any part of the licensure examination of the national council of state boards of nursing or any other national standardized nursing examination that the board considers to be an appropriate measure of whether a person is competent to commence practicing nursing as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse. If the board incurs any cost in its acceptance of an examination under this section or in making the accepted examination available to applicants, the board may require applicants for licensure by examination to pay an amount sufficient to cover the cost incurred.

Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4723.10 (West)

(B) The NCLEX-PN shall be the approved examination for licensure as a licensed practical nurse in Ohio.

Ohio Admin. Code 4723-7-02

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 7/6/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Oklahoma

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(3) Cause submission of an official transcript from an entity approved and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a primary source for providing education transcripts, showing completion of the basic curricula of a state Board-approved practical nursing education program conducted in a member board jurisdiction that meets the requirements of 485:10-5-6(d), and showing the diploma or degree and the date conferred; or

(4) Has completed equivalent courses through one of the following methods:

(A) in a state approved program of nursing with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0, and a grade of a “C” or higher in all nursing courses. Evidence is obtained from an entity approved and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a primary source for providing education transcripts, verifying successful completion of a minimum of one academic year of instruction in a registered nursing education program, including classroom instruction and clinical practice in nursing care of the adult, nursing care of children, and maternal-infant nursing. Course content in anatomy and physiology, growth and development, mental health, pharmacology and nutrition also have been successfully completed. Courses in external degree programs or completed by challenge examination are not acceptable for PN equivalency; or

(B) has completed a registered nursing education program in a foreign country and meets the requirements of 485:10-7-2(e).

(C) Successful completion of a Board-approved role transition learning packet related to legal and ethical aspects of practical nursing.

Okla. Admin. Code 485:10-7-1

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Oklahoma Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://oklahoma.gov/nursing.html>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Okla. Admin. Code 485:10-7-1

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(3) Cause submission of an official transcript from an entity approved and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a primary source for providing education transcripts, showing completion of the basic curricula of a state Board-approved practical nursing education program conducted in a member board jurisdiction that meets the requirements of 485:10-5-6(d), and showing the diploma or degree and the date conferred; or

(4) Has completed equivalent courses through one of the following methods:

(A) in a state approved program of nursing with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0, and a grade of a “C” or higher in all nursing courses. Evidence is obtained from an entity approved and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a primary source for providing education transcripts, verifying successful completion of a minimum of one academic year of instruction in a registered nursing education program, including classroom instruction and clinical practice in nursing care of the adult, nursing care of children, and maternal-infant nursing. Course content in anatomy and physiology, growth and development, mental health, pharmacology and nutrition also have been successfully completed. Courses in external degree programs or completed by challenge examination are not acceptable for PN equivalency; or

(B) has completed a registered nursing education program in a foreign country and meets the requirements of 485:10-7-2(e).

(C) Successful completion of a Board-approved role transition learning packet related to legal and ethical aspects of practical nursing.

Okla. Admin. Code 485:10-7-1

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(1) Applicants must pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) appropriate for level of licensure.

Okla. Admin. Code 485:10-7-1

Notes None

Last Reviewed Date 7/8/2024

Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Oregon

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No, but if program is not accredited, must prove substantial equivalency through a credentials evaluation.

(a) From a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse nursing education program approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;

(b) From a nursing program in the United States that included in its curriculum a clinical component, as defined by the board by rule, and:

(A) Is accredited or approved by the licensing board for nurses in a particular state or United States territory and approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing; or

(B) If the licensing board is not the accrediting or approval agency 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 State Board of Nursing;

Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 678.040 (West)

Or. Admin. R. 851-031-0021. Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Nursing Programs Outside of the US or from Programs without an NCLEX® program code and who have less than 400 practice hours in two years from graduation

(4) Applicants must have graduated from a nursing program approved by the applicable education approval body in the country or jurisdiction where the program is located.

(5) Applicants must arrange for a credentials evaluation of the completed program to be sent to the Board by a Board approved credentials evaluation service. The evaluation must show substantive equivalency with programs of the same level in the U.S. and for the applied level of licensure.

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Or. Admin. R. 851-031-0015. Eligibility for Licensure by Examination for Graduates of Programs in the United States with a designated NCLEX® Program Code

(1) Graduation from an approved nursing program, as defined in ORS 678.040. If enrolled after January 1, 2022, the program must include a clinical component.

(a) An applicant for the practical nurse examination must show evidence of having graduated from a pre-licensure program preparing graduates for a Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse license or have graduated from the Air Force 4N051 5 skilllevel[sic] or the Army 68WM6 Practical Nurse Program.

Curriculum Comparison Needed? If program doesn't have NCLEX code, yes.

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Oregon State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/pages/index.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Or. Admin. R. 851-031-0006

Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 678.040 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(4) To qualify for a license the applicant must:

(a) Submit a completed application; and

(b) Graduate from an Oregon Board approved school of nursing or graduation from a non- Oregon state approved nursing program within the two years immediately preceding application for licensure and verified through Board defined procedures or qualify as a military practice nurse as defined in section (3)

(b) of this rule; and

Or. Admin. R. 851-031-0015

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) Pain management education

(f) An initial license, endorsement or reactivation applicant who do not have previously documented

evidence of compliance must have documentation of the Pain Management Education through the Oregon Pain Commission plus six hours of continuing education units and in accordance with ORS 413.590. The applicant will provide documentation to the Board through submission of certificates of completion if such certifications are not currently on file with the Board. Applicants graduating from an Oregon Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse program after January 1, 2009 do not need to complete the additional 6 hours of continuing education as it was provided in their education. These applicants must still provide evidence of completion of the Pain Management Education through the Oregon Pain Management Commission. In addition, effective January 1, 2022, all licensees must show evidence of having taken the current Oregon Pain Commission online pain management course with every renewal or reactivation application.

Or. Admin. R. 851-031-0006

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(B) A practical nurse applicant for licensure must have achieved the following minimum standard score on the licensure examination:

(i) Between June 1951 up to and including April 1988, a comprehensive standard score of 350 or above on the Vocational Nursing Exam.

(ii) Beginning October 1988, a designation of a “Pass” score on the NCLEX-PN®.

Or. Admin. R. 851-031-0006

Notes Puerto Rico specific requirements follow:

(2) Graduates from nursing programs in Puerto Rico also refer to OAR 851-031-0032.

Or. Admin. R. 851-031-0021

(1) Applicants from nursing programs in Puerto Rico who have not been previously licensed or do not meet the minimum 400 practice hours in the two years preceding receipt of a completed application and whose course instruction and textbooks were primarily in Spanish, and have not taken the English version of the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN®, must meet the requirements in OAR 851-031-0021 (with the exception of section (5) of the rule) if the program was accredited by a national nursing program accreditation agency at the time of graduation.

(2) Applicants from Puerto Rico who are licensed in Puerto Rico and have 400 or more hours of practice in the two years preceding receipt of the application, but have not taken the English NCLEX®, must qualify under OAR 851-031-0026 (with the exception of section (1) of the rule) when:

(a) Course instruction and textbooks were primarily in Spanish; and

(b) Applicants licensed in Puerto Rico by successfully completing the Spanish language Nursing Examination applicable to Puerto Rican licensure requirements.

Or. Admin. R. 851-031-0032

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Pennsylvania

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework 1500 hours and 12 months

No application for licensure as a licensed practical nurse shall be considered unless accompanied by a fee determined by the board by regulation. Every applicant for examination as a licensed practical nurse shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she is eighteen years of age or over, is a citizen of the United States or has legally declared intention to become such, is of good moral character, has completed at least twelve years of education with diploma in public, parochial or private school, or its equivalent as evaluated by the Department of Education; and has satisfactorily completed a program in practical nursing prescribed and approved by the board in a school, hospital or other educational institution, of not less than fifteen hundred hours and within a period of not less than twelve months, or has completed a program considered by the board to be equal to that required in this Commonwealth at the time such program was completed.

63 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 655 (West)

- (a) The curriculum shall be based upon the philosophy and objectives of the program and shall be developed, implemented and evaluated by the faculty.
- (b) The curriculum shall be organized and developed to include the knowledge, attitudes, skills and abilities necessary for the specific levels of student achievement.
- (c) The curriculum shall be planned to promote measurable abilities, as contained in the Test Plan for the Practical Nurse Licensing Examination, published by Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.
- (d) The curriculum shall provide instruction in the following areas:
 - (1) Physical and biological sciences, including appropriate content from basic human anatomy and physiology as well as elementary principles of chemistry, microbiology, physics and normal nutrition.
 - (2) Social and behavioral sciences including psychosocial facts and principles basic to personal adjustment and to nursing practice as well as appropriate content on the family and development stages from birth to senescence.
 - (3) Concurrent or sequential theory and clinical experience in:
 - (i) The care of patients with simple nursing needs.
 - (ii) The care of patients with short-term nursing needs.
 - (iii) The care of patients with long-term nursing needs.
 - (4) Clinical experience, as provided in paragraph (3), in the care of men, women and children in a variety of age groups with health problems characteristic of the age group involved.
 - (5) Theory, as required in paragraph (3), including appropriate knowledge from diet therapy and pharmacology, as well as scientific facts and selected clinical concepts which are essential as a basis for nursing action and are applicable to patient care.
 - (6) Learning experiences, as required in paragraph (3), providing opportunities for the student to:
 - (i) Develop an awareness of the needs of patients.
 - (ii) Learn to plan and give nursing care to selected individuals in various nursing situations that are relatively free of complexity.
 - (iii) Learn to plan and give nursing care to a group of selected patients.
 - (iv) Learn to assist the professional nurse in more complex nursing situations.
 - (7) Content, as required in paragraph (3), drawn from information about ethical, moral and legal responsibilities of the practical nurse, current trends in nursing and health delivery systems and vocational development.

49 Pa. Code § 21.203

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (e) The total curriculum shall include a minimum of 1500 hours offered within a time period of not less than 12 months. The Board recommends that a minimum of 40% of the total curriculum be theoretical and the remaining 60% be in appropriate clinical experience.

49 Pa. Code § 21.203

- (3) Concurrent or sequential theory and clinical experience in:

- (i) The care of patients with simple nursing needs.
- (ii) The care of patients with short-term nursing needs.
- (iii) The care of patients with long-term nursing needs.
- (4) Clinical experience, as provided in paragraph (3), in the care of men, women and children in a variety of age groups with health problems characteristic of the age group involved.
- (5) Theory, as required in paragraph (3), including appropriate knowledge from diet therapy and pharmacology, as well as scientific facts and selected clinical concepts which are essential as a basis for nursing action and are applicable to patient care.
- (6) Learning experiences, as required in paragraph (3), providing opportunities for the student to:
 - (i) Develop an awareness of the needs of patients.
 - (ii) Learn to plan and give nursing care to selected individuals in various nursing situations that are relatively free of complexity.
 - (iii) Learn to plan and give nursing care to a group of selected patients.
 - (iv) Learn to assist the professional nurse in more complex nursing situations.
- (7) Content, as required in paragraph (3), drawn from information about ethical, moral and legal responsibilities of the practical nurse, current trends in nursing and health delivery systems and vocational development.
- (8) Technical and clinical aspects of immunization, skin testing, the performance of venipuncture and the administration and withdrawal of intravenous fluids to the extent each function is an authorized function of an LPN under this chapter. An IV therapy course must include instruction in the following topics:
 - (i) Definition of IV therapy and indications.
 - (ii) Types of vascular access delivery devices.
 - (iii) Age-related considerations.
 - (iv) Legal implications for IV therapy.
 - (v) Anatomy and physiology.
 - (vi) Fluid and electrolyte balance.
 - (vii) Infusion equipment used in IV therapy.
 - (viii) Parenteral solutions and indications.
 - (ix) Infection control and safety.
 - (x) Insertion of peripheral short catheters.
 - (xi) Administration, maintenance and monitoring of peripheral IV therapy.
 - (xii) Complications and nursing interventions.
 - (xiii) Central and peripheral vascular devices.
 - (xiv) Administration, maintenance and monitoring of central and peripheral IV therapy.
 - (xv) Documentation.
 - (xvi) Patient education.

49 Pa. Code § 21.203

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency

Website <https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/default.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 63 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 655 (West)

49 Pa. Code § 21.151

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(b) A candidate will not be authorized to take the examination unless the candidate has satisfied the requirements of the act necessary for eligibility, including confirmation of completion of an approved practical nursing educational program.

(c) Graduates of practical nursing education programs outside of this Commonwealth shall file an official transcript validating program completion with the application.

49 Pa. Code § 21.151

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) From the Board website:

Applicants must complete 3 hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting for initial licensure.

(<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Licensed-Practical->

Nurses-Licensure-Requirements-Snapshot.aspx)

Approved Child Abuse Recognition courses can be found here:

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Pages/Act-31.aspx>

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

Candidates for practical nursing licensure shall pass the licensure examination approved by the Board.
49 Pa. Code § 21.152

From the Board website:

An applicant must receive a passing grade on either the National Council of State Boards - Practical Nursing Exam (NCLEX-PN) or the State Board Test Pool Exam (SBTPE) as a requirement for licensure. (<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Licensed-Practical-Nurses-Licensure-Requirements-Snapshot.aspx>)

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Puerto Rico

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Not Found
Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Puerto Rico Board of Nursing Examiners

Board/Agency Website <https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/126>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation § 203k Application for license and right to nursing examination-Generally, 20 L.P.R.A. § 203k

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) Not Found

Exam(s) Required Not Found

Notes Application found here:

<https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/DOWNLOAD/8079>

No distinction in Practice Act between LPN and RN.

(a) Any person who files an application for a license to practice nursing in Puerto Rico shall submit an official written certification to the Board indicating that he/she has completed the requirements of a nursing program at an educational institution recognized or accredited by the Council on Higher Education, or by the Department of Education, as pertinent.

§ 203k Application for license and right to nursing examination-Generally, 20 L.P.R.A. § 203k

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State/Territory Republic of Palau
License Title None found
Specialized Accreditation Required? N/A
Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? N/A
Curriculum Comparison Needed? N/A
Specific Coursework N/A
Supervised Experience (In-Program) N/A
Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? N/A
Board/Agency Name Palau Ministry of Health
Board/Agency Website [N/A](#)
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation N/A
Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? N/A
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? N/A
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) N/A
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) N/A
Exam(s) Required N/A
Notes None
Last Reviewed Date 7/15/2024
Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Republic of the Marshall Islands

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Not Found

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? No

Board/Agency Name Board of Nurse Examiners, Ministry of Health and Environment

Board/Agency Website [None found](#)

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 19 MIRC Ch.2 §214

19 MIRC Ch.2 §215

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) Not Found

Exam(s) Required §214. General; Mode of Licensing.

(1) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements of this section shall be entitled to licensure as a Registered Nurse or a Licensed Practical Nurse, whichever is applicable. A person may be licensed under this Chapter by examination, registration, or by endorsement.

(2) Licensure by Examination. The Board may, when deemed necessary with regard to any applicant or applicants, require a written examination in such subjects as may be designated by the Board. Such written examination may be supplemented by an oral examination and/or evaluation of clinical competency as the Board sees fit. The Board shall establish in its rules the criteria for meeting the requirements for licensure by examination including the requirements for rewriting the examination.

19 MIRC Ch.2 §214

Notes No specific approval requirements found.

§223. Approval Standards.

The Board shall, by administrative rules and regulations, approve the establishment and conduct of and standards for nursing education programs, including all clinical facilities used for learning experiences, and shall survey and approve such programs as meet the requirements of the Chapter and the Board's administrative rules and regulations. [P.L. 1995-116, §23.]

19 MIRC Ch.2 §223

Source: Nursing Practice Act,

http://rmparliament.org/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/1995/1995-0116/NursingPracticeAct1995_1.pdf

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State/Territory Rhode Island

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements or other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements or other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Rhode Island Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=231>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation 5 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 5-34-15 (West)

216 R.I. Code R. 40-05-3.3

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

C. Licensed Practical Nurse. 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;

216 R.I. Code R. 40-05-3.3

Approval for other nursing disciplines is multi-state, but no mention in defs of practical nursing.

5. "Approval" means the process whereby the Board evaluates and grants official recognition to basic nursing education programs in this state which meet the established criteria and standards of this Part.

6. "Approved basic professional nursing education program" means a course of study for professional nurses that has been approved the Board, by the licensing authority of another state or territory, or by a national accrediting body.

216 R.I. Code R. 40-05-3.2

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(a) By examination. The applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in this state is required to pass a written or computerized adaptive testing examination determined by the board of nurse registration and nursing education. Upon successful completion of that examination, the applicant shall receive a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse.

5 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 5-34-15 (West)

1. The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) or other recognized professional examination service may be used to test the applicant's competency, skill and knowledge to practice nursing.

216 R.I. Code R. 40-05-3.3

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory South Carolina

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(7) 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.

S.C. Code Ann. § 40-33-32

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name South Carolina Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://lir.sc.gov/nurse/lpn.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation S.C. Code Ann. § 40-33-32

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

From the Board website:

EDUCATION

IN-STATE GRADUATES:

The Certificate of Endorsement Form must be sent directly to the Board from the Dean or Director of the Nursing Program.

OUT OF STATE GRADUATES:

Have official transcripts sent directly to the SC Board of Nursing from the school of nursing where you graduated.

The transcript must include:

All nursing courses applied to meet degree requirements;

date and type of degree awarded;

date of graduation;

registrar's signature; and

school seal.

(<https://lir.sc.gov/nurse/Online/Instructions.aspx>)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(D) 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;

(2) have received an equivalent education from an approved nursing education program within the past three years of the date of the application.

S.C. Code Ann. § 40-33-32

Notes None

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory South Dakota

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework The curriculum for programs preparing for practical nurse licensure shall include:

(1) Concepts in biological and physical sciences:

- (a) Anatomy and physiology;
- (b) Microbiology;
- (c) Nutrition; and
- (d) Pharmacology;

(2) Concepts in behavioral science:

- (a) Interpersonal relations;
- (b) Communication;
- (c) Patient-centered culturally competent care; and
- (d) Interprofessional communication and collaboration; and

(3) Nursing theory and clinical instruction of basic nursing concepts to enable the student to develop competence at the entry level as a practical nurse in each of the following areas:

- (a) Adult health nursing;
 - (b) Maternal child health nursing;
 - (c) Geriatric nursing;
 - (d) Basic concepts of clinical judgment (the nursing process) and professional responsibilities;
 - (e) Scope of practice for LPNs;
 - (f) Legal and ethical basis of nursing practice;
 - (g) Nursing history; and
 - (h) Trends in nursing and healthcare delivery; and
- (4) Knowledge of technology used in nursing practice and special health care problems.

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Supervised Experience (In-Program) (3) Nursing theory and clinical instruction of basic nursing concepts to enable the student to develop competence at the entry level as a practical nurse in each of the following areas:

- (a) Adult health nursing;
 - (b) Maternal child health nursing;
 - (c) Geriatric nursing;
 - (d) Basic concepts of clinical judgment (the nursing process) and professional responsibilities;
 - (e) Scope of practice for LPNs;
 - (f) Legal and ethical basis of nursing practice;
 - (g) Nursing history; and
 - (h) Trends in nursing and healthcare delivery; and
- (4) Knowledge of technology used in nursing practice and special health care problems.

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Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name South Dakota Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://doh.sd.gov/licensing-and-records/boards/nursing/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9-37

S.D. Admin. R. 20:48:03:03

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No. Rather, must prove equivalency.

An applicant who holds a diploma from a nursing school in another state or territory of the United States or in a foreign country may qualify for license by examination if the board determines that the requirements for granting a diploma from that nursing school are substantially the same as the requirements of schools in this state. An applicant for license as a licensed practical nurse who has attended a nursing school in another state or territory of the United States or in a foreign country may qualify for license by examination if the board determines that the applicant's nursing education is equivalent to practical nursing education in this state.

S.D. Admin. R. 20:48:03:03

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None
Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

The licensing examination is the National Council Licensing Examination of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing effective July 2, 1982. Identification supplied to the applicant by the board or the contracted testing service is required for admission to the examination room. Before beginning the examination, the applicant must certify in writing that the applicant has not solicited or received any information on the contents of the examination about to be administered and must agree that during or after the examination the applicant will not disclose its contents to any person.

S.D. Admin. R. 20:48:03:04

Notes From the application:

The online application is only for individuals who have never taken the NCLEX exam and who have completed a South Dakota board-approved nursing education program or an out-of-state nursing program approved by another board of nursing.

(<https://doh.sd.gov/licensing-and-records/boards/nursing/nursing-licensure-registration-and-renewal-requirements/rn-lpn-licensure-procedures/rn-lpn-licensure-by-exam/>)

Equivalency criteria.

An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the Board of Nursing written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant has completed an approved program or its equivalent for the preparation of licensed practical nurses.

S.D. Codified Laws § 36-9-37

An applicant who holds a diploma from a nursing school in another state or territory of the United States or in a foreign country may qualify for license by examination if the board determines that the requirements for granting a diploma from that nursing school are substantially the same as the requirements of schools in this state. An applicant for license as a licensed practical nurse who has attended a nursing school in another state or territory of the United States or in a foreign country may qualify for license by examination if the board determines that the applicant's nursing education is equivalent to practical nursing education in this state.

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State/Territory Tennessee

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(b) An applicant for examination who graduated from a school approved by a Board of Nursing in another jurisdiction shall have had substantially the same course of study as stated in the minimum curriculum requirements for Tennessee approved schools of practical nursing at the time of his application or make up the deficiencies by the Tennessee Board.

(c) Applicants who completed the course of study more than ten (10) years prior to the date of application to write the examination shall be considered for eligibility to initially apply to write the examination in Tennessee only on an individual basis.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1000-02-.01

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (2) Curriculum Content. Minimum instruction and clinical experience:

(a) Instruction hours - 550 contact hours (this includes both classroom and planned clinical conferences).

(b) Clinical experience - a minimum of:

1. Medical-Surgical Nursing, 300 contact hours.
2. Mother and Infant care, 60 contact hours.
3. Nursing of Children, 35 contact hours.
4. Mental Health Nursing, 35 contact hours.

(c) Areas of learning:

1. Area I: Supporting Content. This area should include personal, family and community health, vocational relationships, basic anatomy and physiology, basic nutrition, and basic nursing skills including pharmacology and the administration of medication.
2. Area II: Core Content. This area includes assisting patients in all age groups to meet their needs for daily living, nursing patients with relatively stable nursing requirements and assisting the professional nurse in more complex nursing situations. Courses of instruction and clinical experience shall be planned in the nursing care of newborn infants, children, adolescents and adults across the age span. Concepts of mental health nursing shall be included in the curriculum including chemical dependency. This area is not necessarily distinct, and some aspects of it may be interwoven with Area I. Principles learned in Area I should be applied in nursing situations in Area II.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1000-02-.09

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (2) Curriculum Content. Minimum instruction and clinical experience:

(a) Instruction hours - 550 contact hours (this includes both classroom and planned clinical conferences).

(b) Clinical experience - a minimum of:

1. Medical-Surgical Nursing, 300 contact hours.
2. Mother and Infant care, 60 contact hours.
3. Nursing of Children, 35 contact hours.
4. Mental Health Nursing, 35 contact hours.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1000-02-.09

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Tennessee Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board/nursing-board>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1000-02-.01

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1000-02-.09

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

(2) Qualifications.

(a) Reserved.

(b) An applicant for examination who graduated from a school approved by a Board of Nursing in another jurisdiction shall have had substantially the same course of study as stated in the minimum curriculum requirements for Tennessee approved schools of practical nursing at the time of his application or make

up the deficiencies by the Tennessee Board.

(c) Applicants who completed the course of study more than ten (10) years prior to the date of application to write the examination shall be considered for eligibility to initially apply to write the examination in Tennessee only on an individual basis.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1000-02-.01

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

Notes (3) Has successfully completed a course of study in an approved school for practical nurses, as defined by the board, and the applicant holds a certificate therefrom, or the approved school has certified to the board that the applicant has met all requirements for a certificate.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-109 (West)

(3) Approved School of Nursing: Means one approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing or by a similar board in another jurisdiction.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1000-02-.11

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State/Territory Texas

License Title Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(4) graduate from an approved Texas nursing education program or a program with substantially equivalent education standards to a Texas approved nursing program as defined below.

(B) A vocational nursing education program operated in another state may be determined to have substantially equivalent education standards to a Texas approved nursing program if:

(i) the program is approved by a state board of nursing or other governmental entity to offer a pre-licensure vocational/practical nursing program of study that awards a vocational/practical nursing certificate, diploma, or degree upon completion;

(ii) the program's nursing courses include didactic and supervised clinical learning experiences in medical-surgical, maternal/child health, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health nursing that teach students to use a systematic approach to clinical decision-making and safe patient care across the life span; and

(iii) the program includes support courses providing a sound foundation for nursing education for the level of preparation.

22 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.2

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (B) A vocational nursing education program operated in another state may be determined to have substantially equivalent education standards to a Texas approved nursing program if:

(i) the program is approved by a state board of nursing or other governmental entity to offer a pre-licensure vocational/practical nursing program of study that awards a vocational/practical nursing certificate, diploma, or degree upon completion;

(ii) the program's nursing courses include didactic and supervised clinical learning experiences in medical-surgical, maternal/child health, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health nursing that teach students to use a systematic approach to clinical decision-making and safe patient care across the life span; and

(iii) the program includes support courses providing a sound foundation for nursing education for the level of preparation.

22 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.2

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (ii) the program's nursing courses include didactic and supervised clinical learning experiences in medical-surgical, maternal/child health, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health nursing that teach students to use a systematic approach to clinical decision-making and safe patient care across the life span; and

(iii) the program includes support courses providing a sound foundation for nursing education for the level of preparation.

22 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.2

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Texas Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.bon.texas.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 301.252 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No. Rather, must meet equivalency requirements below.

(4) graduate from an approved Texas nursing education program or a program with substantially equivalent education standards to a Texas approved nursing program as defined below.

(B) A vocational nursing education program operated in another state may be determined to have substantially equivalent education standards to a Texas approved nursing program if:

(i) the program is approved by a state board of nursing or other governmental entity to offer a pre-licensure vocational/practical nursing program of study that awards a vocational/practical nursing certificate, diploma, or degree upon completion;

(ii) the program's nursing courses include didactic and supervised clinical learning experiences in medical-surgical, maternal/child health, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health nursing that teach students to use a systematic approach to clinical decision-making and safe patient care across the life

span; and

(iii) the program includes support courses providing a sound foundation for nursing education for the level of preparation.

22 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.2

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN and Jurisprudence Exam

(3) pass the NCLEX-PN (LVN applicant) or NCLEX-RN (RN applicant);

22 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.2

(a) Each applicant for a registered nurse license or a vocational nurse license must submit to the board a sworn application that demonstrates the applicant's qualifications under this chapter, accompanied by evidence that the applicant:

(1) has good professional character related to the practice of nursing;

(2) has successfully completed a program of professional or vocational nursing education approved under Section 301.157(d); and

(3) has passed the jurisprudence examination approved by the board as provided by Subsection (a-1).

Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 301.252 (West)

Notes Affidavit of graduation required for out-of-state candidates to prove equivalency follows:

https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/education_pdfs/education_programs/VN-PN%20AOG%208.2022.pdf

From the Board website:

Nursing Jurisprudence Examination

You must pass the Texas nursing jurisprudence examination prior to being issued an authorization to test (ATT) for the NCLEX® examination. Instructions on taking the Texas nursing jurisprudence examination:

File an examination application with the Texas Board of Nursing

Wait fifteen business days

While you wait, prepare for the exam. We recommend that you:

view a copy of the Nursing Practice Act (NPA) and Board Rules and Regulations on our website.

take the online jurisprudence prep course on the Board's web site. This course is voluntary and contains information about the NPA and Rules and Regulations of the Texas BON.

After fifteen business days, follow the instructions to log on and complete the online nursing jurisprudence exam. The examination takes a maximum of two hours in length. If you are not successful in passing the examination or if the system locks up, you may retake the examination again after 24 (twenty-four) hours have elapsed from the previous attempt. The cost of the examination is included in your application fee.

(https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_examination.asp.html)

Title protection for both LVN and LVN, although Texas exclusively refers to license type as LVN.

(b) Unless the person holds a license under this chapter, a person may not use, in connection with the person's name:

(1) the title "Registered Nurse," "Professional Nurse," "Licensed Vocational Nurse," "Vocational Nurse," "Licensed Practical Nurse," "Practical Nurse," or "Graduate Nurse";

(2) the abbreviation "R.N.," "L.V.N.," "V.N.," "L.P.N.," or "P.N.;" or

(3) any other designation tending to imply that the person is a licensed registered nurse or vocational nurse.

Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 301.251 (West)

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State/Territory U.S. Virgin Islands
License Title Licensed Practical Nurse
Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

(4) has successfully completed the prescribed curriculum in an accredited school of practical nursing and holds a diploma therefrom.

VI ST tit. 27, § 95

(b) Licensed practical nurse applicant.--

(1) Proof of having successfully completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof.

(2) Proof of having successfully completed the prescribed curriculum in an accredited school of practical nursing.

(3) Official transcript from accredited school of practical nursing, approved by the National League for Nursing and NAPNES.

3 VI ADC 415-415(4)-52

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet accreditation requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet accreditation requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure

Board/Agency Website <https://vibnl.vi.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation VI ST tit. 27, § 95

3 VI ADC 415-415(4)-52

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required (b) The applicant shall be required to pass a written examination in such subjects as the Board prescribes in the rules and regulations. Each written examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical examination. Upon successfully passing such examination, the Board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse.

(c) The Board may issue a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse without examination to any applicant who has been duly registered or licensed as a practical nurse or a person entitled to perform similar services under a different title under laws of another state or jurisdiction of the United States, if in the opinion of the Board, the applicant meets the requirements for a licensed practical nurse in the Virgin Islands.

VI ST tit. 27, § 95

Notes The U.S. Virgin Islands is a member of the NCSBN.

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Feedback Form (Send us your questions, comments or information about your experience with licensure) <https://forms.gle/zLB3dsG9j6qmx1pU6>

State/Territory Utah

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

(1) Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), to qualify as an approved education program for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, a nursing education program shall be accredited by an accrediting body for nursing education that is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(2)(a) The division, in consultation with the board, may approve a nursing education program for up to five years, for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, if the program:

(i) holds candidacy or is in the process of applying for candidacy for the accreditation described in Subsection (1);

(ii) has been denied initial accreditation after holding candidacy for the accreditation described in Subsection (1); or

(iii) is no longer accredited under Subsection (1); and

(b) has not previously received a term of approval granted by the division.

(3)(a) For a nursing education program that has previously received a term of approval granted under Subsection (2), the division may reapprove the nursing education program for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure if:

(i) the reapproval is for a period that does not exceed five years; and

(ii) a minimum of 12 months has passed since the day on which the previous term of approval expired.

(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division, in consultation with the board, shall make rules to implement Subsection (3)(a).

Utah Code Ann. § 58-31b-601 (West)

(1) Under Subsection 58-31b-302(2), an LPN applicant who has never obtained a license in any state, district, or territory of the United States or in any jurisdiction outside of the United States shall:

(a) under Subsection 58-31b-302(2)(e), demonstrate that the applicant:

(i) has completed a PN approved education program;

(ii) has completed a PN education program that is equivalent to a PN approved education program;

Utah Admin. Code r. R156-31b-302b

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Utah Division of Professional Licensing, Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://dopl.utah.gov/nursing/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Utah Code Ann. § 58-31b-302 (West)

Utah Code Ann. § 58-31b-601 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No. Rather, must meet equivalency requirements below.

(1) Under Subsection 58-31b-302(2), an LPN applicant who has never obtained a license in any state, district, or territory of the United States or in any jurisdiction outside of the United States shall:

(a) under Subsection 58-31b-302(2)(e), demonstrate that the applicant:

(i) has completed a PN approved education program;

(ii) has completed a PN education program that is equivalent to a PN approved education program;

(iii) (A) has completed an RN approved education program; and

(B) has taken, but not passed the NCLEX-RN at least one time; or

(iv) (A) is enrolled in an RN approved education program; and

(B) has completed coursework that is equivalent to the coursework of a PN approved education program; and

(b) under Subsection 58-31b-302(2)(f), pass the NCLEX-PN examination pursuant to Section R156-31b-

301e.

Utah Admin. Code r. R156-31b-302b

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(1) Under Subsection 58-31b-302(2), an LPN applicant who has never obtained a license in any state, district, or territory of the United States or in any jurisdiction outside of the United States shall:

(a) under Subsection 58-31b-302(2)(e), demonstrate that the applicant:

(i) has completed a PN approved education program;

(ii) has completed a PN education program that is equivalent to a PN approved education program;

(iii) (A) has completed an RN approved education program; and

(B) has taken, but not passed the NCLEX-RN at least one time; or

(iv) (A) is enrolled in an RN approved education program; and

(B) has completed coursework that is equivalent to the coursework of a PN approved education program;

and

(b) under Subsection 58-31b-302(2)(f), pass the NCLEX-PN examination pursuant to Section R156-31b-

301e.

Utah Admin. Code r. R156-31b-302b

Notes Equivalent to minimum standards.

(e) have completed an approved practical nursing education program or an equivalent as determined by the board;

Utah Code Ann. § 58-31b-302 (West)

An applicant for licensure as a practical nurse or registered nurse who is a graduate of a nursing education program not approved by the division in collaboration with the board must comply with the requirements of this section.

(1) An applicant for licensure as a licensed practical nurse shall:

(a) meet all requirements of Subsection 58-31b-302(2), except Subsection 58-31b-302(2)(e); and

(b) produce evidence acceptable to the division and the board that the nursing education program completed by the applicant is equivalent to the minimum standards established by the division in collaboration with the board for an approved licensed practical nursing education program.

Utah Code Ann. § 58-31b-303 (West)

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State/Territory Vermont

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

5-2 Accreditation Required. Nursing education programs shall be accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the National League for Nursing's (NLN) Commission on Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA), the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), or a national nursing accreditation organization otherwise specifically approved by the Board.

20-4 Vt. Code R. § 1100

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Vermont Office of Professional Regulation, Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 26, § 1625 (West)

20-4 Vt. Code R. § 1100

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

To be eligible for licensure as a practical nurse by examination, an applicant shall:

(1) complete an approved U.S. practical nursing education program meeting requirements set by the Board by rule or completion of equivalent study in a program conducted by the U.S. Armed Forces satisfactory to the Director; and

(2) complete examinations as determined by the Board.

Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 26, § 1625 (West)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(c) receive Board approval to sit for the NCLEX-PN examination; and

(d) pass the NCLEX-PN examination within five years of nursing program graduation.

20-4 Vt. Code R. § 1100

Notes None

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State/Territory Virginia

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

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.

18 Va. Admin. Code 90-19-110

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework From the application: Graduates of nursing schools located in other states/US Territories - 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.

(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/Forms/Nursing/RNLPN_Exam_Instr.pdf)

Approved programs must have child abuse recognition.

In the exercise of its authority to establish minimum standards for professional nursing curricula and practical nursing curricula, the Board of Nursing, on and after July 1, 2007, shall require that approved nursing education programs provide instruction in child abuse recognition and intervention.

Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-3013.1 (West)

Supervised Experience (In-Program) From the application:

Licensed Practical Nurse applicants must have completed a minimum of 400 direct client care hours across the lifespan.

(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/Forms/Nursing/RNLPN_Exam_Instr.pdf)

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Virginia Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-3020 (West)

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

From the application:

Graduates of nursing schools located in other states/US Territories - 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

(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/Forms/Nursing/RNLPN_Exam_Instr.pdf)

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

A. An applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

1. Has completed two years of high school or its equivalent;
2. Has received a diploma from an approved practical nursing program;
3. Has passed a written examination as required by the Board; and

Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-3020 (West)

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

18 Va. Admin. Code 90-19-110

Notes From the application:

- Nursing Program Graduates Outside of Virginia: Evidence of actual clinical hours broken down for each course must be on official school letterhead and must be submitted with your FINAL official transcript.

*Applicants educated in a US Territory only should request that their school also include evidence of the language of the program instruction and textbooks. If the language of program instruction/textbooks was not in English, an English Proficiency score report from an approved test center is required. English Proficiency test center information may be obtained at: www.toeflgoanywhere.org, www.ets.org or www.ielts.org.

(https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/Forms/Nursing/RNLPN_Exam_Instr.pdf)

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State/Territory Washington

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? Yes

(1) Registered nurse and practical nurse applicants educated in a traditional nursing education program approved by another United States nursing board and applying for initial licensure shall:

(a) Successfully complete a nursing education program in another U.S. state, which:

(i) Is approved by the nursing board in that state; and

(ii) Substantially meets requirements for nursing education approved in Washington state. The board retains authority to evaluate and determine the sufficiency of academic preparation for all applicants.

Wash. Admin. Code 246-840-030

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? Yes

Specific Coursework (1) Effective September 1, 2017, designed to include prerequisite classes in the physical, biological, social and behavior sciences that are transferable to colleges and universities in the state of Washington;

(2) Planned, implemented, and evaluated by the faculty;

(3) Based on the philosophy, mission, objectives, and outcomes of the program and consistent with chapters 18.79 RCW and this chapter;

(4) Organized by subject and content to meet program outcomes;

(5) Designed to teach students to use a systematic approach to clinical decision making and safe patient care;

(6) Designed to teach students:

(a) Professional relationships and communication;

(b) Nursing ethics;

(c) Nursing history and trends;

(d) Commission approved scope of practice decision tree;

(e) Standards of practice;

(f) Licensure and legal aspects of nursing including the disciplinary process, substance abuse and professional values;

(g) Concepts and clinical practice experiences in geriatric nursing, and medical, surgical, and mental health nursing for clients throughout the life span;

(h) Concepts of antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and newborn nursing with only an assisting role in the care of clients during labor and delivery and those with complications; and

(i) Concepts and practice in the prevention of illness and the promotion, restoration, and maintenance of health in patients across the life span and from diverse cultural, ethnic, social, and economic backgrounds.

(7) Designed to prepare graduates for licensure and to practice practical nursing as identified in WAC 246-840-700 and 246-840-705; and

(8) Designed to prepare graduates to practice according to competencies recognized by professional nursing organizations.

(a) Practical nursing courses shall include:

(i) Components of: Client needs; safe, effective care environment; health promotion and maintenance; interdisciplinary communication and collaboration; discharge planning; basics of multicultural health; psychosocial integrity; and physiological integrity.

(ii) Skills laboratory and clinical practice in the functions of the practical nurse including, but not limited to, administration of medications, implementing and monitoring client care, and promoting psychosocial and physiological health.

(iii) Concepts of coordinated care, delegation and supervision.

(b) Practical nurse programs teaching intravenous infusion therapy shall prepare graduates for national certification by a nursing professional practical nurse certifying body.

Wash. Admin. Code 246-840-539

Supervised Experience (In-Program) (1) All nursing programs preparing students for licensure shall provide faculty planned clinical or direct patient care experiences based on program outcomes and goals.

(a) The number of clinical or direct patient care experience hours must be:

(i) At least three hundred hours for licensed practical nursing education programs;

(ii) At least five hundred hours for associate degree nursing education programs;

- (iii) At least six hundred hours for bachelors of science in nursing education programs;
 - (iv) At least five hundred hours for masters level nurse practitioner nursing education programs;
 - (v) At least one thousand hours for doctoral of nursing practice nurse practitioner programs.
- (b) Observation of licensed or qualified health care professionals practicing a technical skill or therapy may be included in the calculation of student clinical hours. Observation is reserved for care or therapy situations, which students are not qualified to deliver;
- (c) Skill practice labs must not be counted towards clinical practice hours.

Wash. Admin. Code 246-840-531

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Washington State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://nursing.wa.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 18.79.160 (West)

Wash. Admin. Code 246-840-030

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(1) The current series of the National Council of the State Boards of Nursing Registered Nurse (NCSBN) Registered Nurse or Practical Nurse Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN®) shall be the official examinations for nurse licensure.

(2) In order to be licensed in this state, all nurse applicants shall take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN®).

Wash. Admin. Code 246-840-050

Notes From the Board website:

Verification of Education

Nursing Education Program Graduate in another U.S. State or Jurisdiction

If you are a graduate from a nursing education program in another U.S. state or jurisdiction, we will need your official transcripts, with degree and graduation date posted.

This needs to be received by the WA Board of Nursing before we are able to grant eligibility to test in Pearson Vue.

If we can't determine equivalency, then you must submit the education verification form (PDF) completed by your nursing education program.

(<https://nursing.wa.gov/licensing/apply-license/rn-or-lpn-license/apply-nclex-exam>)

Education verification form: <https://nursing.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/Education-verification-outside-WA.pdf>

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State/Territory West Virginia

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

2.1. Any person who wishes to obtain a license to practice practical nursing shall submit to the board satisfactory evidence that he or she:

2.1.a. is of good moral character;

2.1.b. has at least a tenth grade education or its equivalent;

2.1.c. completed a course of study in an accredited program of practical nursing as defined by the board, in West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses Rule, Policies and Procedures for Development and Maintenance of Educational Programs in Practical Nursing, 10 CSR 1, or a program approved by a board that licenses Licensed Practical Nurses in another state or US territory. and holds a diploma from the program.

2.1.d. completed any other general education requirements prescribed by the board.

W. Va. Code R. 10-2-2

(a) A practical nursing program is determined to be board approved if approved by the board, or the program is accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. The accreditation is considered board approved and is exempt from board rules that require ongoing approval if the school or program maintains this accreditation.

(b) By July 1, 2022, all practical nursing programs shall be accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. A program created after July 1, 2018, shall have 5 years to obtain accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-7A-8 (West)

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

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W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-7A-8 (West)

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements or other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements or other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses
Board/Agency Website <http://www.lpnboard.state.wv.us>
Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation W. Va. Code Ann. § 30-7A-3 (West)
W. Va. Code R. 10-2-2

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No
Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No
Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found
Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None
Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

3.1. All applicants shall pass a United States national licensure examination prior to licensure.
3.2. The board shall contract with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. for use of the national licensure examination.
W. Va. Code R. 10-2-3

Notes None

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State/Territory Wisconsin
License Title Licensed Practical Nurse
Specialized Accreditation Required? No

(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.

Wis. Admin. Code N § 2.10

(1m) “Board-approved prelicensure education program” means a nurse prelicensure program from a Wisconsin-approved school or a prelicensure program approved by another state board of nursing.

Wis. Admin. Code N § 2.02

(2) “Board-approved school” means any of the following:

(a) A school in Wisconsin which has been approved by the board or the board has granted authorization to admit students under ch. N 1.

(b) A school which participates in the electronic application process.

Wis. Admin. Code N § 2.02

(5) “Comparable school” means any of the following:

(a) A school holding nursing accreditation by a board-recognized nursing accreditation organization.

(b) A school located in the United States approved by the board of nursing for that jurisdiction.

(c) A school located in a U.S. territory or a province of Canada which is approved by the board of nursing for that jurisdiction and meets the standards of the Wisconsin board of nursing.

Wis. Admin. Code N § 2.02

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? Yes

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Must meet specialized accreditation requirements or other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Must meet specialized accreditation requirements or other state/territory Nursing Board approval requirements.

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/LPN/Default.aspx>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Wis. Stat. Ann. § 441.10 (West)

Wis. Admin. Code N § 2.10

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

(f) The applicant passes the examination approved by the board for licensure as a licensed practical nurse in this state. The applicant may not take the examination before receiving a diploma under par. (d) unless the applicant obtains a certificate of approval to take the examination from the school of nursing the applicant attends and submits that certificate to the board prior to examination.

Wis. Stat. Ann. § 441.10 (West)

(2) Licensed practical nurse applicants for a single state license. An applicant is eligible for a single state practical nurse license if the applicant complies with all of the following requirements:

(f) Passes the NCLEX.

Wis. Admin. Code N § 2.10

Notes Wisconsin has approved the following out-of-state programs:

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/ApprovedOutOfStateNursingSchools.pdf>

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State/Territory Wyoming

License Title Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Specialized Accreditation Required? No

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

(i) Graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program;

Wyo. Admin. Code 054.0002.2 § 3

Specialized Accreditation Accepted as Meeting Educational Requirements? No

Curriculum Comparison Needed? No

Specific Coursework Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Supervised Experience (In-Program) Program must be approved by another state/territory Nursing Board

Member of Compact or Reciprocity Agreement? Yes

Board/Agency Name Wyoming State Board of Nursing

Board/Agency Website <https://wsbn.wyo.gov>

Statute/Regulation/Rule Citation Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 33-21-127 (West)

Wyo. Admin. Code 054.0002.2 § 3

Must Out-of-State Program Graduate Hold License to Qualify? No

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

(i) Graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program;

Wyo. Admin. Code 054.0002.2 § 3

Must License Applicant Hold Private Certification? No

Additional Training (Not Required In-Program) None found

Experience (After Graduating/Outside of Program) None

Exam(s) Required NCLEX-PN

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

(i) Graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure nursing education program;

(ii) Submit completed application and fees;

(iii) Submit CBC fingerprint cards and fees; and

(iv) Successfully pass the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN examination, accordingly.

Wyo. Admin. Code 054.0002.2 § 3

Notes None

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