

Nursing Pre-Licensure Information Regarding Licensure Requirements by State

For all students seeking licensure in another state. Please note that you should determine whether the program will meet your state's licensure requirements prior to enrolling in such program.

The presented information in this section is for information purposes only and cannot be relied upon as an official listing of state nursing licensure requirements.

State	Website	Curriculum meets state educational requirements for professional licensure	Curriculum does not meet state educational requirements for professional licensure	Institution has not made determination of whether the curriculum meets requirements for professional licensure	Notes
Alabama	https://www.abn.alabama.gov/nursing-programs/#faq/what-are-the-education-clinical-and-curriculum-requirements-for-licensure-in-alabama	X			Accreditation – The governing institution offering the nursing program must be accredited by an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. the nursing program must be accredited by a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education by January 1, 2022, or within five (5) years of approval by the Board.
Alaska	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx	X			Must graduate from a board-approved program. All registered nurse applicants are required to have graduated from a program that is nationally nursing accredited
Arizona	https://www.azbn.gov/	X			
Arkansas	https://healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing/rules	X			
California	https://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/regulations/npr-i-15.pdf		X		See state requirements and curriculum denotes that programs must meet the requirements of 6 credits of communication and that 75% of clinical course be done actively in healthcare settings.
Colorado	https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=5206	X			
Connecticut	https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/practitioner_licensing_and_investigations/plis/nursing/nursingregulationspdf.pdf	X			
Delaware	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/	X			For RN licensure, Delaware requires that an RN applicant must: Graduate from a board approved nursing program in the state where the program is located. Have completed at least 200 clinical hours for an LPN program and 400 clinical hours for a RN program.
District of Columbia	https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/Registered%20Nurse%20Examination%20Application-NEW.pdf	X			
Florida	https://floridasnursing.gov/	X			Licensure by endorsement process.

Georgia	http://www.board-of-nursing.com/georgia-board-of-nursing.php	X			One of the following: Verification of employment documenting (500) hours of licensed practice within the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of application-Proof of graduation from an approved nursing education program within four (4) years immediately preceding the date of applicationCompletion of a Georgia Board of Nursing approved reentry program (Click here for reentry requirements). Please click here for a list of facilities that have previously offered reentry programs.
Guam	http://dphss.guam.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/GBNE-Application-Updated-2019.pdf	X			Must graduate from a board-approved program
Hawaii	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/08/HAR-89-C.pdf	X			Must graduate from a board-approved program
Idaho	https://ibn.idaho.gov/	X			
Illinois	https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068013000C03000R.html	X			
Indiana	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/indiana-state-board-of-nursing/registered-nurse/	X			
Iowa	https://nursing.iowa.gov/	X			
Kansas	https://casetext.com/regulation/kansas-administrative-code/agency-60-kansas-state-board-of-nursing/article-2-requirements-for-approved-nursing-programs/section-60-2-104-curriculum-requirements	X			Curricular content specifications outlined and contain the following requirements: Content in biological, physical, social and behavioral sciences – must have Anatomy and Physiology Content in growth and development / developmental psychology A minimum of 30 credit hours in nursing courses Nursing courses must have theory and direct clinical experience across the lifespan
Kentucky	https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx	X			[Ref: KRS 314.041 (a)]. The Kentucky Board of Nursing does recognize graduates from prelicensure nursing education programs that are approved/accredited by other state boards of nursing as eligible for licensure in Kentucky.
Louisiana	http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/	X			
Maine	https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/	X			
Maryland	https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/education-index.aspx	X	On list of Approved programs.		https://mbon.maryland.gov/Documents/approved-out-of-state-rn-lpn-nursing-education-programs.pdf
Massachusetts	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing	X			
Michigan	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27542---,00.htm	X			https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Nursing_517651_7.pdf
Minnesota	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/6305.0400/	X			
Mississippi	https://www.msbn.ms.gov/what-licensure-examination	X			Requests proof of skill competency.
Missouri	https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-licensure-rn.asp	X			Minimum standards met for curriculum approval were reviewed.
Montana	http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?RN=24,159,1224	X			
Nebraska	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing.aspx	X			
Nevada	https://nevadanursingboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/RNLPNbyExamApplnstructions.pdf	X			

New Hampshire	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/new-hampshire-board-nursing	X			Nur 302.02 Listed specifications for Initial Registered and Practical Nurses Licensure by Examination Must graduate from a board-approved program
New Jersey	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/Pages/APN-Certification.aspx	X			
New Mexico	https://nmbon.sks.com/	X			Successful completion of a Board approved program with a nationally recognized accredited body (CCNE)
New York	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/	X			
North Carolina	https://www.ncbon.com/	X			Educational requirements listed: http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20-%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%2036%20-%20nursing/21%20ncac%2036%20.0224.pdf
North Dakota	https://www.ndbon.org/	X			An out-of-state nursing education program that meets the following requirements: Is approved by MA state board of nursing and has clinical experiences across the list span in the curriculum that is specified as equivalent to what is required by the North Dakota State Board of Nursing.
Ohio	http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4723.06	X			See section 4723.06 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code; Is states as approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing;
Oklahoma	http://nursing.ok.gov/	X			Requires submission of an official transcript showing completion of the basic professional curricula of a state Board-approved registered 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. The transcript must be obtained from an entity approved and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a primary source for providing education
Oregon	https://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pages/index.aspx	X			ORS 678.040 (1)(2): The applicant must have graduated from a nursing program that is accredited or approved by the licensing Board for nurses in a particular state or United States territory and approved by the Oregon Board of Nursing
Pennsylvania	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/Pages/default.aspx	X			
Rhode Island	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/	X			
South Carolina	https://www.llr.sc.gov/nurse/	X			Candidate must have 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.
South Dakota	https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/	X			For licensure as a registered nurse in South Dakota, the applicant must: complete a registered nursing program that is board approved in the state in which it originates and meets the eligibility requirements in that state to sit for the NCLEX-RN.
Tennessee	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board.html	X			see regulations for specific curriculum requirements to sit for licensure.

	https://www.bon.texas.gov/				Curriculum has to state the program includes general education courses providing a sound foundation for nursing education for the level of preparation; the program's nursing courses include didactic content 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. Specified for baccalaureate degree nursing programs, nursing courses must also include didactic content and supervised clinical learning experiences, as appropriate, in community, research, and leadership.
Texas		X			
Utah	https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/	X			
Vermont	https://www.ncsbn.org/Vermont.htm	X			Required to be accredited by Nationally recognized body (CCNE or equivalent)
Virginia	http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/ApplicantResources/ApplyforLicense/RegisteredNurse/	X			Graduates of nursing schools located in other states - verification of Clinical Hours: If you attended a nursing program outside of Virginia, your final official transcript must include evidence of the actual (direct client care) clinical hours broken down for each course.
Washington	https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-030	X			Must graduate from a board-approved program See specifications listed out per WAC 246-840-030 Initial licensure for RN out of state traditional nursing education program approved by a United States Board of Nursing.
West Virginia	https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx	X			
Wisconsin	https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/Nursing/Default.aspx	X			
Wyoming	https://wsbn.wyo.gov/	X			

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