State Licensing Boards and Requirements for PN Licensure

STATE	REQUIREMENT FOR PN LICENSURE
Alabama **Meets Requirements**	https://www.abn.alabama.gov/licensing/apply/ https://www.abn.alabama.gov/licensing/apply/licensure-by-exam/exam-application-single-state/ https://www.abn.alabama.gov/licensing/apply/licensure-by-exam/exam-application-multi-state/ https://www.abn.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Citizenship_Exam_Checklist.pdf https://www.abn.alabama.gov/licensing/apply/licensure-by-exam/videos/ -Video ● You must request your nursing program to submit an official transcript to the ABN in a sealed envelope.
Alaska **Meets Requirements**	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/nur4112.pdf
Arizona **Meets Requirements**	https://www.azbn.gov/sites/default/files/2019-12/Applying%20for%20a%20Nursing%20License%20by%20Exam%2010-3-19%281%29.pdf
Arkansas **Meets Requirements**	https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arsbn-lpn-initial-by-exam
California **Meets Requirements**	https://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/applicants/index.shtml https://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/applicants/application_for_vocational_nurse_licensure_by_examination.shtml
Colorado **Meets Requirements**	https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing/LPNApplications https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzKoVwvexVATM2hmakpSRS1oNGtZczJCNnFvUnZPLVNXeDFJ/view?resourcekey=0-95PTBmbwFqN9sadFXXeYKA ● ***Out-of-state – Applicant is from a traditional nursing education program that is 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***
Connecticut **Meets Requirements**	https://portal.ct.gov/dph/practitioner-licensing--investigations/lpn/practical-nurse-licensure-by-examination ● <mark>The minimum length of the nursing component of the program must be equivalent to four (4) fifteen (15) week academic semesters and contain a minimum of thirty-five (35) semester hours of credit in</mark>

	nursing. Fifty percent (50%) of contact hours shall be in supervised direct client care experiences, observational experiences and simulated experiences appropriate to the program's educational outcomes, and laboratory experiences for the acquisition and practice of clinical nursing skills https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/practitioner_licensing_and_investigations/plis/nursing/nursingregulationspdf.pdf
Delaware **Meets Requirements**	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/exam/ https://dprfiles.delaware.gov/nursing/Nursing_School_Reference_Form2.pdf
District of Columbia **Meets Requirements**	https://dohenterprise.my.site.com/dchealthrenewals/s/licenseapplications
Florida **Meets Requirements**	https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/ https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/licensed-practical-nurse-registered-nurse-by-examination/
Georgia **Meets Requirements**	https://secure.sos.state.ga.us/mylicense/PersonSearchResults.aspx
Hawaii **Meets Requirements**	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/application_publications/ https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2024/02/RN-LPN-Nursing-by-exam_02.24-R.pdf
Idaho **Meets Requirements**	https://dopl.idaho.gov/bon/bon-licensing/
Illinois **Meets Requirements**	https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/nursing.html https://www.continentaltesting.net/ https://www.continentaltesting.net/downloads/ED_NUR.pdf
Indiana **Meets Requirements**	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/nursing-home/nursing-licensing-information/#Initial_LPN_or_RN_License_by_Examination https://www.in.gov/pla/files/Exam-flow-chart-9-13-2019.pdf https://www.in.gov/pla/files/RN-exam-1st-attempt-5.20.19-Online-Apps-Update.pdf
Iowa **Meets Requirements**	https://dial.iowa.gov/i-need/licenses/medical/nursing-professional-midwifery https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/05-20-2020.655.3.pdf

Kansas **Meets Requirements**	https://ksbn.kansas.gov/initial-application/ https://ksbn.kansas.gov/uniform-licensure-requirements/ https://ksbn.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/InitalExamInstructions.pdf https://ksbn.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/NPA/npa.pdf
Kentucky **Meets Requirements**	https://kybn.boardsofnursing.org/kybn Must complete the following competencies: • 3 contact hours of Domestic Violence • 1.5 contact hours of Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome) • 2 contact hours of Suicide Prevention (see CE page for details) • 1.5 contact hours of Implicit Bias (see CE page for details)
Louisiana **Meets Requirements**	https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/applications/ https://lsbn.boardsofnursing.org/lsbn https://www.lsbpne.com/licensure/licensure-by-examination/ https://legis.la.gov/legis/Law.aspx?d=94509 https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/wp-content/uploads/credentialing/OutofStateAOG.pdf
Maine **Meets Requirements**	https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/ https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/licensing/index.html https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/Certification_from_School_Form.pdf https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/Application%20Signature%20Page%205-2022.pdf https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/School%20Certification%20Form.pdf https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/PN%20Exam%20Licensure%20Requirements-Revised%203-2024.pdf
Maryland **Meets Requirements**	https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/licensure-nclex-pn-us.aspx https://govt.westlaw.com/mdc/Document/NBAD7CBB06DCC11E799A4C440C6302D98?transitionType=Default&contextData=%28sc.Default%29
Massachusetts Yes	https://www.mass.gov/service-details/good-moral-character-requirements-for-nursinglicensure https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing https://www.mass.gov/how-to-apply-for-a-nursing-license-by-exam
Michigan	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/MiPLUS-User-Assistance---Nursing

Meets Requirements *National accreditation required	https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/bpl/Nursing/Licensing-Info-and-Forms/Nursing-Licensing-Guide.pdf?rev=953e958a47a74d16ba6efe1e81af03fa ● Human Trafficking training required with initial licensing.
Minnesota **Meets Requirements**	https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/licensure/apply-for-a-license/apply-by-exam.jsp https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/licensure/apply-for-a-license/lpn-lic-by-exam-us-prog.jsp https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/6305.0400/ https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/licensure/apply-for-a-license/rn-lic-exam-us-prog.jsp
Mississippi **Meets Requirements**	https://www.msbn.ms.gov/licensure/what-licensure-examination
Missouri **Meets Requirements**	https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-licensure-lpn.asp
Montana **Meets Requirements**	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nursing/ https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/_docs/nur/nur_exam_app.pdf https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/_docs/nur/rn-exam-app-checklist.pdf
Nebraska **Meets Requirements**	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing.aspx https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing-Examination-and-APRN-Certification.aspx https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/ExaminationRNLPN.pdf ● Transcripts must include all nursing school prerequisites
Nevada **Meets Requirements**	https://nevadanursingboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/RNLPN-Exam-Instructions.pdf https://nevadanursingboard.org/
New Hampshire **Meets Requirements**	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/new-hampshire-board-nursing https://forms.nh.gov/license/Login.aspx https://www.oplc.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt441/files/inline-documents/sonh/rn-lpnlicenseexamination.pdf https://www.oplc.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt441/files/inline-documents/sonh/criminalbackground.pdf https://www.oplc.nh.gov/applications-lpn https://www.oplc.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt441/files/inline-documents/sonh/nur-checklist-lpn-comparable-education.pdf
New Jersey **Meets Requirements**	https://newjersey.mylicense.com/eGov/Login.aspx https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/pages/applications.aspx

New Mexico **Meets Requirements**	https://www.bon.nm.gov/ https://nmbn.boardsofnursing.org/nmbn
New York **Meets Requirements**	The SUNY Corning Community College *Associate in Applied Science in Nursing* program graduate meets the requirements to apply for the Registered nurse license in the state of New York. SUNY Corning Community College's nursing program is fully approved by the New York State Board of Nursing. Additionally, the *Associate in Applied Science in Nursing* at SUNY Corning Community College is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). https://www.op.nysed.gov/registered-professional-nursing https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/registered-professional-nursing/license-requirements https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/registered-professional-nursing/licenserequirements/pathway-2 To be licensed and registered as an RN in New York State, you must: ● be of good moral character. ● be at least eighteen years of age. ● graduate from a nursing education program acceptable to NYSED. • complete New York State required infection control coursework and child abuse reporting coursework. ● pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) or another license examination acceptable to NYSED; and, ● apply for an RN license with NYSED. New York - required additional training on child abuse and Infection control. https://eservices.nysed.gov/professions/before/02
North Carolina **Meets Requirements**	https://www.ncbon.com/rnlpn-examination https://www.ncbon.com/faq-licensure-examination-0
North Dakota **Meets Requirements**	https://www.ndbon.org/NurseLicensure/InitialExam/index.asp https://ndlegis.gov/information/acdata/html/Title54.html ● An out of state nursing program must meet the following criteria: 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.
Ohio	https://nursing.ohio.gov/licensing-and-certification/forms-and-guidelines/01-r

Meets Requirements	n-and-lpn-licensure-by-examination-application https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/nursing.ohio.gov/uploads/2021/04/RN-Exam-Sample-APP.pdf ● An application, background check and confirmation of Program completion from the Nursing education program are required.
Oklahoma **Meets Requirements**	https://oklahoma.gov/nursing.html https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/nursing/documents/rnlpnnclex07.pdf https://oklahoma.gov/nursing/nurse-licensure-compact.html ● Graduates from out-of-state programs should request that the nursing program send an official copy of the transcript to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. The Board must evaluate the curriculum provided in the out-of-state program to ensure that it meets the state's curricular requirements. ● Out-of-state candidates must also submit course descriptions for nursing and related courses for evaluation. The course descriptions must be from the time you were enrolled in the program and may be obtained from the school's catalog or course syllabi. If the course descriptions from your school do not verify the required curriculum, additional documentation from your program will be required.
Oregon **Meets Requirements**	https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/pages/index.aspx https://osbn.boardsofnursing.org/orbn https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/documents/Resource_NewGraduateGuide.pdf
Pennsylvania **Meets Requirements**	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Nursing-Guide.aspx ● In addition to the background check from your current state of residence, you will need to submit official state CHRCs from every state where you have lived, worked, or completed training during the last 10 years. An FBI background check can be submitted in lieu of state checks where you previously lived, worked or trained. ● You are required to complete three hours of Board-approved continuing education on the topic of child abuse recognition and reporting. Learn more about Approved Child Abuse CE Providers. Confirmation of the course completion must be sent directly to the Board from the education provider. When registering for a course, please be sure to indicate that you are applying for Pennsylvania licensure to ensure your confirmation is sent to the Board https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Pages/Act-31.aspx https://www.pals.pa.gov/#!/page/default

Rhode Island **Meets Requirements**	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=231 https://health.ri.gov/publications/requirements/NursingApplicationRequirements.pdf https://healthri.mylicense.com/Login.aspx -- Online application
South Carolina **Meets Requirements**	https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/rn.aspx https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/Online/Instructions.aspx -online instructions https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/PDF/Online_Application_FormsLPN_RN.pdf https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/pdf/CertificateOfEduEndorsement.pdf- School of Nursing certificate of Endorsement South Carolina is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).
South Dakota **Meets Requirements**	https://www.sdbon.org/rn_lpn/exam/ https://doh.sd.gov/media/zptng2hv/faqeducation.pdf https://www.sdbon.org/rn_lpn/exam/ instructions and requirements https://www.sdbon.org/rn_lpn/exam/examPg1.asp -online application
Tennessee **Meets Requirements**	https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1000/1000-01.20190805.pdf https://lars.tn.gov/datamart/mainMenu.do;jsessionid=-nDrarVp25Z9kDe828YnDssk onlineapplicationhttps://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/healthprofboards/nursing/applications/RN%20and%20LPN%20Exam%20App%20Info.pdf https://lars.tn.gov/datamart/login.do;jsessionid=sUCtKAx7i-a929hiAgWeGPBB
Texas **Meets Requirements**	https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp.html https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_examination.asp.html **Nursing Jurisprudence Examination must be successfully passed prior to taking the NCLEX** https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_nursing_jurisprudence.asp.html https://www.bon.texas.gov/texasnurseportal/ https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_primary_state_of_residence_sworn_declaration.asp.html https://www.bon.texas.gov/rr_current/217-2.asp.html
Utah **Meets Requirements**	https://dopl.utah.gov/nursing/apply-for-a-license/registered-nurse-or-licensed-practical-nurse/ -Requirements https://dopl.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/nurse-licensure-process-guide-how-to-apply.pdf -Instructions https://adminrules.utah.gov/public/rule/R156-31b/Current%20Rules? -Rules

Vermont **Meets requirements**	https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/ https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/apply-renew/ https://cms.sec.state.vt.us:8443/share/s/D_J2OWJdQJiz2tEUcy8sgw https://d2l2jhoszs7d12.cloudfront.net/state/Vermont/Vermont%20Secretary%20of%20State/ os.vermont.gov/media/5dep2imt/nursing-admin-rules_05_11_2023.pdf https://sos.vermont.gov/media/idqd43ja/role-of-the-lpn-in-assessment-and-triage-2018-0709.pdf -Code and rules Section 5.15 Practical Nurse Program: Curriculum. In accordance with the standards of a program's accrediting agency, practical nursing programs shall include clinical and theory hours sufficient to establish competency in Adult Nursing, Maternal/Infant Nursing, Pediatric Nursing, and Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. (a) Didactic content will include Anatomy and Physiology, Social/Behavioral Science, Pharmacology and Nutrition (b) Nursing education programs shall include clinical experience in state approved facilities. Clinical experiences must provide an opportunity for direct care in the promotion, prevention, restoration and maintenance of health in clients across the life span in a variety of settings. No more than 25% of clinical experience may be obtained in a medium- or high- fidelity simulation learning laboratory without prior Board approval or the approval of the program accrediting agency.

Virginia **Meets requirements**	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/ https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/ApplicantResources/ApplyforLicense/LicensedPracticalNurse/ -Instructions https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/Forms/Nursing/RNLPN_Exam_Instr.pdf -Checklist • 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.
Washington **Meets Requirements**	https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-030 https://nursing.wa.gov/licensing/apply-license https://nursing.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-06/669425.pdf https://nursing.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-06/669419.pdf -Online application https://nursing.wa.gov/ -Multistate application
West Virginia **Meets Requirements**	https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/licensing/Documents/License%20By%20Exam%20Flowchart.pdf -Licenusre Flowchart https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/licensing/Documents/Transcripts.pdf https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=53257&Format=PDF http://www.lpnboard.state.wv.us/
Wisconsin **Meets Requirements**	https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/LicensE/LicensE_Renewal_Instructions.pdf https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/n/2 https://license.wi.gov/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F
Wyoming **Meets Requirements**	https://wsbn.wyo.gov/licensing https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hUyYziVhCEfHELDEnIvjYxWztDTcaVHo/view https://wybn.boardsofnursing.org/wybn