

Department of Nursing
Licensure Requirements by State

Registered Nurse Professional Licensure Requirements

Uniform Licensing Requirements from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

Uniform Licensure Requirements

Uniform Licensure Requirements (ULRs) are the essential prerequisites for initial, endorsement, renewal and reinstatement licensure needed across every NCSBN jurisdiction to ensure the safe and competent practice of nursing. ULRs protect the public by setting consistent standards and promoting a health care system that is fluid and accessible by removing barriers to care and maximizing portability for nurses. They also assure the consumer that a nurse in one state has met the requirements of the nurses in every other state. ULRs support the fact that the expectations for the education of a nurse and the responsibilities of a nurse are the same throughout every NCSBN member board jurisdiction in the United States.

Source: <https://www.ncsbn.org/107.htm>

1. Nursing Education Requirements RN:
 - a. Verification of graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board approved prelicensure RN program.
 - b. Verification by a credentials review agency of graduation from a nursing program comparable to a Member Board approved RN prelicensure program. OR
 - c. Graduation from a nursing program comparable to a member board approved RN program. This program should be approved by an accrediting body or other authority whose role it is to approve nursing programs in that country.
2. NCLEX Requirements:
 - a. Verification that applicant successfully completed NCLEX-RN.
3. Additional Public Protection Requirements: Criminal Background Check
 - a. Assessment of all misdemeanors, felonies and plea agreements (even if adjudication was withheld) of all individuals applying for licensure on a case by case basis to determine board action.
 - b. Require psychological evaluation for all individuals convicted of a sexual offense involving a minor or performing a sexual act against the will of another person. This evaluation should be performed by a qualified expert approved by the board. If the evaluation identifies sexual behaviors of a predatory nature the board of nursing should deny licensure.
4. Additional Public Protection Requirements: Substance Use Disorders
 - a. Require a substance use disorder evaluation to verify the applicant is capable of practicing nursing safely
5. Additional Public Protection Requirements: Other licenses, certifications, registrations
 - a. Assessment of any actions taken or initiated against a professional or occupational license, registration or certification and consideration of the individual's ability to practice nursing safely.

Registered Nurse Licensure in Ohio

The Baldwin Wallace University Nursing Baccalaureate program graduate meets the requirements to apply for the Registered nurse license in the state of Ohio. Baldwin Wallace University’s nursing program is fully approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing. Additionally, the Baccalaureate degree in nursing at Baldwin Wallace University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Registered Nurse Licensure/Certificate Requirements Outside of Ohio

BW students and alums who intend to practice nursing in another state are responsible for contacting the applicable licensure board to confirm the state licensure requirements (outside of Ohio). The information listed here can be used as a guide.

The Statement on the following chart, “**Meets Requirements**”, will be interpreted as:

Baldwin Wallace University Department of Nursing Program meets state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification

STATE	REQUIREMENT FOR RN LICENSURE
Alabama Meets Requirements	https://www.abn.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Exam-Single-State-Application-Checklist.pdf https://www.abn.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Exam-Multistate-Application-Checklist.pdf
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-rn-initial-by-exam
California BW has not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements for licensure.	https://www.rn.ca.gov/applicants/lic-exam.shtml https://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/applicants/exam-app.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> California has required general education requirements that may or may not be included in students first degree (ABSN). All requirements must be met before eligible for the NCLEX

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<p>Colorado –</p> <p>Meets Requirements for Traditional</p> <p>BW has not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Accelerated Programs.</p>	<p>https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing/Applications https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing/RNApplications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Connecticut</p> <p>Meets Requirements for Traditional.</p>	<p>https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Registered-Nurse/RN-Licensure-by-Examination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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.
<p>Delaware</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/exam/ https://dprfiles.delaware.gov/nursing/Nursing_School_Reference_Form1.pdf</p>
<p>District of Columbia</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/Registered%20Nurse%20Examination%20Application-NEW.pdf</p>
<p>Florida</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/ https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/licensed-practical-nurse-registered-nurse-by-examination/</p>
<p>Georgia</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/45/licensure_as_a_registered_nurse https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/45/criminal_background_check https://sos.ga.gov/PLB/acrobat/Forms/38%20Application%20-%20Licensure%20by%20Exam%20for%20Graduates%20of%20Approved%20and%20Traditional%20Nursing%20Programs%23.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduates of out of state nursing schools must apply for licensure by submitting a paper application.
<p>Hawaii</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/application_publications/ https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2020/12/Require-Info-App-for-Nursing-by-exam_12.20-R.pdf</p>
<p>Idaho</p>	<p>https://ibn.idaho.gov/licensure/licensure-application-types/</p>

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Meets Requirements	https://ibn.boardsofnursing.org/ibn
Meets Requirements Illinois	https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068013000C03000R.html https://continentaltestinginc.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Procedure-for-the-Illinois-041-Registered-Professional-Nurse-Examination-rev-11-28-18.pdf
Meets Requirements Indiana	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/indiana-state-board-of-nursing/licensed-practical-nurse/application-by-examination/ https://www.in.gov/pla/files/RN-exam-1st-attempt-5.20.19-Online-Apps-Update.pdf
Meets Requirements Iowa	https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/05-20-2020.655.3.pdf https://nursing.iowa.gov/licensure/exam-nclex https://nursing.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021/03/exam_instructions_2021_02_25.pdf
Meets Requirements Kansas	https://ksbn.kansas.gov/uniform-licensure-requirements/ https://ksbn.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/NPA/npa.pdf https://ksbn.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/lnitalExamInstructions.pdf
Meets Requirements Kentucky	https://ssla.state.ky.us/kbnursing/(S(1h0vfd5hyxrgcfj2oeqgvxyj))/RNLPNApplication.aspx https://kbn.ky.gov/apply/Pages/Examination/examination.aspx https://kbn.ky.gov/apply/Documents/Exam%20Requirements%20Checklist.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required to take a Jurisprudence Exam
Meets Requirements Louisiana	http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/NursingPractice/Laws,Rules.aspx http://legis.la.gov/legis/Law.aspx?d=94509 http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/Portals/1/Documents/Forms/AffadavitofVerificationRN.pdf https://lsbn.boardofnursing.org/lsbn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation by the director of the School of Nursing
Meets Requirements Maine BW has not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements for licensure.	https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/RN%20Exam%20Licensure%20Requirements.pdf https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/ https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/docs/Certification_from_School_Form.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RN applicant must also have completed a course of study of not less than 2 years in an approved program in professional nursing and holds a degree, diploma, or certificate; Accelerated program curricula may require review.
Meets Requirements Maryland	https://govt.westlaw.com/mdc/Document/NBAD7CBB06DCC11E799A4C440C6302D98?transitionType=Default&contextData=%28sc.Default%29 http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/10/10.27.01.01.htm https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/licensure-nclex-rn-us.aspx
Meets Requirements Massachusetts	https://www.mass.gov/service-details/good-moral-character-requirements-for-nursing-licensure https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/10/wq/good-moral-info.pdf https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/07/wv/nursing-good-moral-policy.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See: Massachusetts Board of Nursing Information for Graduates of US Nursing Programs and Eligibility for Licensure in Massachusetts
Meets Requirements Michigan	https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Nursing_517651_7.pdf

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Meets Requirements	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_92669_92670---,00.html <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Human Trafficking training required with initial licensing</u>
Meets Requirements	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/6305.0400/ https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/licensure/apply-for-a-license/apply-by-exam.jsp https://mn.gov/boards/assets/Exam_RN_Pckt_US_1-21_tcm21-37180.pdf https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/licensure/apply-for-a-license/rn-lic-exam-us-prog.jsp
Meets Requirements	https://www.msbn.ms.gov/what-licensure-examination
Meets Requirements	https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-licensure-rn.asp https://pr.mo.gov/boards/nursing/RN%20License%20by%20Examination%20Instruction%20Letter.pdf
Meets Requirements	http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?RN=24.159.1224 https://www.allboardofnursing.com/montana-board-nursing/ 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
Meets Requirements	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing.aspx https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/ExaminationRNLPN.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Transcripts must include all nursing school prerequisites</u>
Meets Requirements	https://nevadanursingboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/RNLPNbyExamAppInstructions.pdf https://nevadanursingboard.org/faq-2/ https://nevadanursingboard.org/
Meets Requirements	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/ https://forms.nh.gov/license/Login.aspx https://www.oplc.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt441/files/inline-documents/sonh/rn-lpnlcense-examination.pdf https://www.oplc.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt441/files/inline-documents/sonh/criminal-background.pdf
Meets Requirements	https://www.nursinglicensure.org/state/nursing-license-new-jersey/ https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/pages/applications.aspx https://newjersey.mylicense.com/eGov/Login.aspx https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Documents/Top-Tips-for-License-Applicants.pdf
Meets Requirements	https://nmbon.sks.com/ https://nmbon.sks.com/initial-exam.aspx https://nmbn.boardsofnursing.org/nmbn https://www.aps.gemalto.com/nm/index_NM.htm
Meets Requirements	<p>To be licensed and registered as an RN in New York State, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be of good moral character. • be at least eighteen years of age. • meet education requirements. • meet examination requirements; and,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply for an RN license with New York State Education Department (NYSED). http://www.op.nysed.gov/pdffiles.htm http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nursingrn.htm#mtwo http://www.op.nysed.gov/training/ - required additional training on child abuse and Infection control https://eservices.nysed.gov/professions/before/022 http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nurse2.pdf
North Carolina Meets Requirements	<p>http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20-%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%2036%20-%20nursing/21%20ncac%2036%20.0211.pdf https://www.ncbon.com/news-publications-statistics-frequently-asked-questions-licensure-by-examination https://www.ncbon.com/licensure-listing-apply-licensure-by-examination-nclex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-of-State graduates are required to provide a "FINAL" official transcript;the transcript must include your legal name (first & last), degree awarded and date of completion or conferral. Mail to: NCBON, Exam Department, P.O. Box 2506, Raleigh, NC 27602-2506
North Dakota BW has not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements for licensure.	<p>https://www.ndbon.org/NurseLicensure/InitialExam/index.asp https://www.ndbon.org/app/exam/type.asp https://www.legis.nd.gov/information/acdata/html/Title54.html (see Nurse Education Curriculum) Minimum 2-year program.</p>
Ohio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Baldwin Wallace University Nursing program graduate meets the requirements to apply for the Registered nurse license in the state of Ohio. Baldwin Wallace University’s nursing program is fully approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing. Additionally, the Baccalaureate degree in nursing at Baldwin Wallace University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. <p>Nursing Licensure by examination application http://nursing.ohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/NursingLicenseByExaminationApp-1.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application, background check and confirmation of Program completion from the Nursing education program are required. • Ohio is in the legislative process for consideration of membership in the Nurse Licensure Compact
Oklahoma Meets Requirements	<p>https://nursing.ok.gov/ http://www.oar.state.ok.us/viewhtml/485_10-7-1.htm https://nursing.ok.gov/rnlpnnclcx07.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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	<p>course descriptions from your school do not verify the required curriculum, additional documentation from your program will be required.</p> <p>https://nursing.ok.gov/rnlpnMSLEXam.pdf</p>
<p>Oregon</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/Pages/apply-NCLEX.aspx https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/documents/Resource_NewGraduateGuide.pdf</p>
<p>Pennsylvania</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Nursing-Guide.aspx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<p>Rhode Island</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://health.ri.gov/licenses/ https://health.ri.gov/publications/requirements/NursingApplicationRequirements.pdf - Instructions https://healthri.mylicense.com/ - Online application</p>
<p>South Carolina</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://lir.sc.gov/nurse/rn.aspx https://lir.sc.gov/nurse/Online/Instructions.aspx - online instructions https://lir.sc.gov/nurse/PDF/Online_Application_FormsLPN_RN.pdf application form https://lir.sc.gov/nurse/pdf/CertificateOfEduEndorsement.pdf - School of Nursing certificate of Endorsement</p>
<p>South Dakota</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/licensure.aspx https://doh.sd.gov/Boards/Nursing/nurseact.aspx https://doh.sd.gov/documents/FAQeducation.pdf https://www.sdbon.org/rn_lpn/exam/ instructions and requirements https://www.sdbon.org/rn_lpn/exam/examPg1.asp online application</p>
<p>Tennessee</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://www.tn.gov/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board/nursing-board/about.html https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1000/1000-01.20190805.pdf https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/healthprofboards/nursing/applications/Exam%20App%20Instructions%20for%20Students.pdf -instructions https://lars.tn.gov/datamart/login.do;jsessionid=Pl7BFnW98-oco9agaZ0bXeQc online application</p>
<p>Texas</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://www.bon.texas.gov/rr_current/217-2.asp https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/forms_pdfs/initial_licensure_recognition_pdfs/affidavit_pdfs/RNAOG2018.pdf Affidavit of graduation https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_examination.asp instructions and requirements Nursing Jurisprudence Examination must be successfully passed prior to taking the NCLEX nursing jurisprudence examination https://www.bon.texas.gov/texasnurseportal/ online application https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_primary_state_of_residence_sworn_declaration.asp</p>

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<p>Utah</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/index.html - requirements https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/Nurse_Licensure_Process_Guide_How_to_Apply.pdf - Instructions https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r156/r156-31b.htm#/T9 - code / rules</p>
<p>Vermont</p> <p>Prior undergraduate curricula will be evaluated for Accelerated program graduates.</p> <p>BW has not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements for licensure.</p>	<p>https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/ https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/forms-instructions/ - Instructions https://secure.professionals.vermont.gov/prweb/app/default/ybVBLElGIHMIPa8qpM9BaiNEZfDPENuF*/!STANDARD – online application https://sos.vermont.gov/media/dejbbaaa/adopted-clean-rules-dec-23-2014.pdf - Code/rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vermont Code: 4.30 Registered Nursing Programs - A registered nursing program shall include content in pharmacology and nutrition. Each program must provide no less than: (a) 180 theory hours and 400 clinical hours covering the following: (1) Adult Nursing; (2) Maternal/Infant Nursing; (3) Pediatric Nursing; (4) Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. (b) 80 hours in Anatomy and Physiology; (c) 40 hours in Microbiology; (d) 80 hours covering both Humanities and Social/Behavioral Science.
<p>Virginia</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/ https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/ApplicantResources/ApplyforLicense/RegisteredNurse/ - Instructions https://www.license.dhp.virginia.gov/apply/Forms/Nursing/RNLPN_Exam_Instr.pdf - checklist School, of nursing must supply applicant with documentation of all actual clinical hours. Broken down into each course</p>
<p>Washington</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://www.doh.wa.gov/licensespermitsandcertificates/nursingcommission/nurselicensing https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission/NurseLicensing/ApplyforaLicense - Video https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/6000/669425.pdf - requirements https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/6000/669419.pdf - online applications https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-030</p>
<p>West Virginia</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx http://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=53257&Format=PDF https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/licensing/Documents/RN%20and%20APRN%20licensure%20requirements%20WV%206-5-20.pdf – requirements https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/licensing/Documents/License%20By%20Exam%20Flowchart.pdf – licensure flowchart https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/licensing/Documents/Transcripts.pdf - transcript instructions</p>
<p>Wisconsin</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/Nursing/Default.aspx https://dsps.wi.gov/Credentialing/Health/fm3087.pdf - Instructions for licensure and application https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/n/2.pdf - requirements</p>
<p>Wyoming</p> <p>Meets Requirements</p>	<p>https://wsbn.wyo.gov/licensing https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hUyYziVhCEfHELDEnlvYxWztDTcaVHo/view - Licensure/certification requirements</p>

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US Territories	Baldwin Wallace University has not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements for licensure.
American Samoa	https://www.cgfns.org/licensure/american-samoa/
Guam	http://dphss.guam.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/GBNE-Application-Updated-2019.pdf - requirements
Northern Mariana Islands	https://www.cnmilaw.org/pdf/public_laws/14/pl14-62.pdf
Puerto Rico	https://www.cgfns.org/licensure/puerto-rico/ https://www.cgfns.org/services/credentials-evaluation/credentials-evaluation-service-professional-report/
Virgin Islands	https://www.ncsbn.org/VI_Nurse_Practice_Act.pdf https://doh.vi.gov/programs/permits-licenses-and-certificates https://doh.vi.gov/sites/default/files/RN_LPN_Endorsement_Application.pdf - no licensing by exam noted in VI
Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License by Exam - must be licensed in Primary State of Residence https://www.ncsbn.org/licensebyexam2.pdf • Facts about the NLC https://www.ncsbn.org/NLC_Facts-FINAL.pdf • Information for New Nurse Graduates https://www.ncsbn.org/2018NewGradsFactsheetFINAL.pdf • What you need to know about Nursing Licensure and Boards of Nursing https://www.ncsbn.org/Nursing_Licensure.pdf • List of Member eNLC States https://www.ncsbn.org/nlcmemberstates.pdf

This page is updated annually. Nurse candidates are required to contact the state licensure boards for the most up-to-date information regarding out-of-state licensure requirements.