

Board of Nursing Professional Licensure Requirements for RNs

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

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

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

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

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

Program	Meets the state educational requirements	Does not meet the state educational requirements without additional requirements
Certificate of Practical Nursing	* Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North	**Maryland, Michigan, New York, Washington

	Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming	
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing	* Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming	**Maryland, Michigan, New York, Washington

*For each state listed in column 2, the state's Board of Nursing reserves the right to review the program for evidence of qualifications upon receipt of an individual's transcripts.

**For each state listed in column 3, the additional requirements can be seen at www.ncsbn.org

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