

Nevada State Board of NURSING

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To practice as an nurse in Nevada, you must hold an active Nevada license.

Registered Nurse/License Practical Nurse by Endorsement Requirements

You must submit items 1-4

Application Instructions:

1. A completed application submitted via the Nevada Nurse Portal, including a fee of \$95 (LPN) \$105 (RN) (MasterCard™, Visa™, Discover™, or AmericanExpress™ debit or credit card). **Fees are not refundable.**
2. A copy of evidence of graduation from your nursing education program. The document you submit must indicate a nursing degree and graduation date.

** All graduates of nursing programs in the United States:*

* If you are an RN applicant, you must submit a copy of your diploma or official transcript issued directly from the registrar to the student or to the Board, which must indicate a nursing degree and graduation date. If you are an LPN applicant, you must submit a copy of your certificate or official transcript issued directly from the registrar to the student or to the Board, which must indicate a nursing degree or graduation date. Please note that computer-generated transcripts are not acceptable.

** All graduates of international nursing programs:*

* You must submit a copy of your transcript, which must indicate a nursing degree and graduation date. You must include a copy of the related learning experience (RLE) report, if applicable. (The Board will notify you if you will also be required to complete the CGFNS/CES8 Professional Report OR IERF** Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report for the state of Nevada).

* Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools/Credentials Evaluation Service

** International Education Research Foundation

* If you have been a licensed nurse in the United States less than five (5) years prior to submission of your application to Nevada, you are required to successfully pass one of the following English proficiency examinations. The minimum score of English proficiency must be achieved before you can be issued a license in Nevada. All test results must be directly to the Board.

The Internet-based (IBT) TOEFL minimum score of 84, 26 spoken English; OR Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE) with a minimum score of 55 and no individual section below 50; OR Submit documentation of successful completion of an English proficiency exam accepted by another US board of nursing that was required for licensure purposes.

3. Official verification (or endorsement) from your original state of licensure by examination, accomplish this by:

* If your original state of licensure by examination is enrolled in Nursys, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Nursys Verification database, you must visit www.nursys.com to submit the form online.

* If your original state of licensure by examination does not participate in Nursys (AL, CA-LPN, CA-RN, HI, LA-LPN, PA), you must send the NSBN Endorsement Form to your original state of licensure by examination with their appropriate fee. Please contact your original state for additional instructions.

4. Completed fingerprint card (see separate instructions and submission form). **Note:** *a permanent license will not be issued until the Board receives fingerprint reports from the Nevada Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and any issues have been resolved.*

Due to various factors, it may take up to four (4) months for the Board to receive the official fingerprint results from the Department of Public Safety and FBI.

Broker/Third Party:

If you wish to have a third party act upon your behalf for licensure purposes, please sign the authorization form, have it notarized, and returned to the Board.

Qualifications for Nevada Licensure:

1. You graduated from an approved school of nursing with a nursing certificate (LPN), or a diploma or nursing degree (RN),
2. You passed the NCLEX or SBTPE licensing examination,
3. You hold a current, permanent license in another state,
4. You have a U.S. Social Security number or individual taxpayer ID number,
5. You have completed and submitted the fingerprint card, and
6. The Board has received and cleared your fingerprint reports,
7. You have passed an English proficiency exam (only if licensed as a nurse in the US less than five (5) years.

General Information:

- * Follow all instructions. All questions in all sections must be answered completely. *Incomplete applications will not be processed.*
- * Your application for licensure is valid for one year from the date received by the Board. It is your responsibility to follow up with the Board to determine the ongoing status of your application.
- * The address furnished on this application will become your address of record.
- * You must notify the Board, in writing, within 30 days of any change in your address of record.
- * One temporary license may be issued when the appropriate criteria has been met. It is valid for six (6) months and cannot be renewed. If you obtain a temporary license, but do not complete the licensure process, you will not be eligible for another temporary license again in the future.
- * Nevada does not issue hard card licenses. No license card will be mailed to you. You may print out a paper copy of your Nevada nursing license from the Board's website www.nevadanursingboard.org.
- * You will not receive notice of licensure expiration dates or licensure renewal dates from the Board. You are responsible for knowing and tracking your licensure expiration date.
- * You are **strongly encouraged** to register with Nursys e-Notify. This is a free of charge innovative nurse licensure notification system where you receive real-time notifications about your nursing license status. The system provides automated notice of licensure status and publicly available discipline data directly to you. Information contained on the e-Notify system is considered primary source equivalent. e-Notify may be access via Board's website or directly through www.nursys.com.