

## STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSES

### Alabama

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required; or CNAT for Canadians

CGFNS Certificate required, except certain Canadian nurses; also a full course-by-course evaluation by CGFNS Endorsement acceptable

SSN required prior to issuance of a license; also required for NCLEX

**Education Requirements:** Provide proof of completion of secondary school or its equivalent

Be a graduate of a nursing education program approved by the proper authorities in the country where the program is located

Meet the requirements for nursing program content employed as criteria for approval in Alabama at the time of the applicant's graduation

Make up any educational deficiencies

### Alaska

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, if graduate of foreign school other than Canada; CGFNS required effective Oct. 9, 2002

Endorsement acceptable for individuals currently licensed in another state or Canada and who passed NCLEX or SBTPE; or Canadian nurses who passed CNATS before Aug. 1980 with score of at least 350 on each of five parts of exam, or after July 1980 but before July 1992 with score of at least 400. If graduated after July 1992, must pass NCLEX

SSN not required; if taking NCLEX without SSN, must fill out an exemption form **Education Requirements:**

Graduate of foreign nursing schools accepted

### Arizona

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state as of July 1, 2002

AZ recognizes some foreign licenses

NCLEX license by exam required, if qualifying by exam

CGFNS Certificate not required; AZ no longer requires CGFNS if the nurse is taking NCLEX

Endorsement acceptable; Canadians will not qualify without NCLEX

SSN not required; has an affidavit for SSN exemption

### Arkansas

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

A foreign license may be recognized in AR

NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate only required from non-English speaking countries

Endorsement acceptable; foreign-educated nurses licensed in another jurisdiction who can validate that their foreign nursing education program was "substantially similar" to Arkansas nursing programs via an official transcript from their nursing education program and who have passed NCLEX, provided they are otherwise qualified; certain Canadian Registered Nurses licensed by NLN State Board Test Pool Examination

SSN required

TOEFL is required

**Educational Requirements:** Graduated from a nursing program in which the curriculum is "substantially similar" to Arkansas nursing programs

### **California**

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**Licensing Requirements:** Not a compact state

NCLEX license by exam required, or if CNATS written after 1980

CGFNS Certificate not required

Endorsement acceptable for Canada only; if CNATS written prior to 1980

SSN now required; will delay license until SSN is issued

TOEFL is required

**Educational Requirements:** Educational documents must be translated and certified by an official translator

Education must meet California standards or deficiencies made up

A foreign MD is not adequate.

### **Colorado**

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate not required; must have only transcripts evaluation from CGFNS

Endorsement acceptable

Canadian nurses: if not applying by endorsement from another state, must have CGFNS first

SSN required; nurse will have to apply for a SSN

### **Connecticut**

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

Passage of CGFNS exam for foreign-educated nurses; Canadian nurses exempt from CGFNS if licensed in another U.S. state

Endorsement acceptable, if licensing requirements of the other state are similar or higher; foreign license may be accepted

SSN required

**Educational Requirements:** Canadian licensed nurses may be exempt from educational requirements or NCLEX and admitted if passed the CRNE (Canadian Registered Nurse Exam) in English or French, plus TOEFL.

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; not required if Canadian graduated before Aug. 1981 or graduated between Aug. 1981-Aug. 1995 and received 400+ score on exam

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable, with NCLEX results and practice requirements

Practice requirements to be licensed by endorsement: 1000 hours of nurse practice in the last five years; 400 hours in the past two years; or completion of a refresher course during the past two years

SSN required.

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable; for Canadians who graduated before 1970. After 1970, CGFNS and NCLEX required  
SSN required; if applicant has no SSN, affidavit must be sent stating that fact

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required, unless licensed in another state and applying by endorsement; Canadians without NCLEX accepted unless the score is "pass or fail." If not a numeric score on exam, must take the NCLEX or a course by course evaluation by CGFNS

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable, with NCLEX results and license verification

SSN required

**Georgia**

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**Licensing Requirements:** Foreign license may be recognized

NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, if not schooled in English. If schooled in English, a course-by-course evaluation may be required

Endorsement acceptable, with verification of current and original license and NCLEX results

SSN not required for NCLEX

TOEFL is required

**Educational Requirements:** Foreign education equivalent to Georgia; Documentation of three months or 500 hours of experience abroad.

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required; must have CGFNS before NCLEX

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable, if licensed in another U.S. state through license verification

SSN required

**Educational Requirements:** Must meet minimum education requirements of Hawaii

Must have an educational evaluation

### **Idaho**

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required;

CGFNS exam first before NCLEX; if licensed in another U.S. state, CGFNS waived

Endorsement acceptable; must have equivalent credentials

Foreign license may be recognized, similar to U.S. state endorsement plus credentialing and language

requirements and additional tests (test approved by the board for nursing knowledge and English proficiency)

Canadian nurses can be admitted with NCLEX

Temporary license may be issued

SSN not required.

### **Illinois**

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required--For temporary license: passing the Illinois

Department of Professional Regulation Exam if no CGFNS Certificate

CGFNS Certificate required only from foreign graduate nurses, unless they have spent two years working under

an active license full time in another state; or (1) A letter of explanation of denial by CGFNS; (2) nursing school

transcripts and diploma; (3) middle school records; (4) high school records; and (5) proof of foreign licensure

Endorsement acceptable

All documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by original notarized; translation of a person other than the applicant

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, except certain Canadians (NCLEX required)

Endorsement acceptable: copy of state license; and (1) nursing school transcripts specifying theory and clinical experience; (2) copy of high school diploma or transcripts

SSN required.

### **Iowa**

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required; CGFNS required if not licensed in another U.S. state

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

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**Educational Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required for all foreign nurses

Endorsement acceptable from jurisdiction using State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE) or the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

### **Kentucky**

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required; not required of Canadians graduated before 1981 with minimum score of 400

CGFNS Certificate required; nurses schooled in English must have a course by course evaluation by CGFNS or the exam

Endorsement acceptable, from jurisdiction using State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE) or the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)

No SSN required for NCLEX

Applicants must hold a Visa Screen certificate.

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required; Canadians without NCLEX accepted with a score above 400 and exam taken in English. RNs with pass or fail score must take NCLEX

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable: (1) have a current U.S. license; (2) have written (no more than NCLEX and achieved a minimum score of 350 or a score of "PASS" within three years of graduation from an approved program; (3) have worked as an LPN/LVN for a minimum of six (full-time) months during the four years immediately preceding application (only applies to nurses who have been out of school for at least four years)

SSN required.

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; Canadians without NCLEX accepted if exam written in English and have a course by course evaluation from CGFNS

CGFNS Certificate required; do not need exam if schooled in English (only course by course evaluation)

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required; SSN required for NCLEX.

**Educational Requirements:** For graduates of foreign nursing programs (other than Canada): completion of an approved four-year high school course of study or its equivalent; completion of a course of not less than two years in an approved nursing education program preparing graduates for licensure as registered nurses and hold a diploma therefrom; have met educational requirements in medical, surgical, obstetrical, pediatric, and psychiatric nursing; have been duly licensed by examination in their own countries

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; not required from Canadians graduated before 1981 and Canadian exam was in English

CGFNS Certificate: not a must, but may be required; course-by-course evaluation from CGFNS for foreign nurses required; CGFNS exam may be required after board evaluates credentials

Endorsement acceptable, with CGNFS certificate or the CES report from CGFNS and must have successfully passed the TSE (Test of Spoken English) or the OPI (Oral Proficiency Examination)

No SSN required for NCLEX

**Educational Requirements:** Transcript evaluation first will determine if CGFNS needed

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**Licensing Requirements:** Not a compact state

NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, except Canadians graduated after Aug. 1995 and wrote exam in English

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

Must also have a passing score

At CGFNS English exam portion, need also proof of moral character, U.S. SSN, and payment of licensure and

NCLEX fees

TOEFL is required

**Educational Requirements:** The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing has contracted with

Professional Credential Services, Inc. (PCS), Nashville, TN, for the provision of credentials evaluation services.

See [www.pcshq.com](http://www.pcshq.com)

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required; special provisions for Canadians

Endorsement acceptable, with NCLEX results and license verification from any U.S. state

SSN not required if primary address of nurse is a foreign address s Graduate of a nurse education program

located outside the United States, passed NCLEX, and maintained active license for at least five years--not

required to obtain CGFNS certification

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, except certain Canadian schools

Endorsement acceptable: NCLEX passing score; verification of licensure; and confirmation of nursing

employment required

SSN not required.

## **Mississippi**

### **Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required, with official nursing program transcript; Canadians may be accepted with NCLEX (CGFNS not required)

CGFNS Certificate required; only records evaluation if schooled in English

Endorsement acceptable, with nurse license and NCLEX results

SSN required

**Educational Requirements:** If nurse is schooled in English, only records evaluation is required by one of the following: CGFNS, ICD (International Consultants of Delaware), or ECE (Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.), and it is not required to have a CGFNS Certification.

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**Licensing Requirements:** Not a compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; Canadians accepted without NCLEX if exam taken in English (CGFNS not required)

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable; must include nursing school transcripts if educated outside the U.S. or if licensed in Connecticut, Illinois, Wisconsin, Colorado, Florida, or Pennsylvania

SSN required; not required for NCLEX but required to obtain license

Foreign licenses not recognized

If licensed by exam in another state or territory and received nursing education outside U.S., need to submit copy of nursing school transcript (with course breakdown) and clinical record listing time in each area of nursing (in English or by English translation)

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required, or another board- approved exam  
CGFNS Certificate required, except certain Canadian school graduates who have also passed CNATS in the English language

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

TOEFL is required

Candidates for licensure as practical nurses will be required to show evidence of having successfully completed an English proficiency examination before admission to the Montana licensing examination

**Educational Requirements:** School official to send official final transcript to the Board verifying graduation from an accredited nursing education program recognized by the Board. Transcript must contain the date of graduation and the credential conferred.

Completion of at least an approved four-year high school course of study or equivalent.

### **Nebraska**

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, except certain Canadians

Endorsement acceptable; verification of other state license plus NCLEX and transcript from nursing school

TOEFL is required

**Educational Requirements:** Submit proof of graduation from a nursing program with education comparable to nursing education in the United States

Official transcripts must be submitted directly to the Department by the nursing program or by CGFNS

### **Nevada**

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required; must have CGFNS before NCLEX

CGFNS Certificate required; CES course-by-course report; CGFNS not required if official language of native country is English

Endorsement acceptable: SBTPE or NCLEX, and transcripts

SSN required

**Educational Requirements:** Foreign educated nurses must have an original (official) transcript (in English) of nursing education sent directly to the Board of Nursing from nursing school; another NCSBN-recognized nursing jurisdiction; or CGFNS

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required; must have SSN and CGFNS before NCLEX

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

**Educational Requirements:** All nurses educated in foreign countries must take CGFNS Certificate exam or NCLEX exam for purposes of immigration; this applies to nurses educated in Canada even if already licensed and practicing in New Hampshire

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required; Canadians accepted if graduated before Sept. 25, 1980 without NCLEX

CGFNS Certificate required, except certain Canadians

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

Visa required for license

**Educational Requirements:** Copy of candidate's license from their country of education must be on file.

### **New Mexico**

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; not required of Canadians writing CNATS after 1970 in English

CGFNS: only course-by-course evaluation

Endorsement acceptable: (a) received initial licensure by passing NCLEX within the past five years, or (b) have been engaged in nursing a minimum of 1,000 hours within the past five years; or pass a board-approved refresher course

SSN required

**Educational Requirements:** Required evaluation of nursing education credentials sent to the NM board of nursing directly from a board-recognized educational credentialing agency or CGFNS

Endorsement from California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, and Nevada: must request official transcript be sent to the NM board.

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**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS: only credentials evaluation; certification required for limited permit only; not required from certain Canadians

Endorsement acceptable, with CGFNS credential evaluation

SSN not required for license, but required to work

**Educational Requirements:** Verification of educational credentials required, for nursing program outside the U.S.

### **North Carolina**

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; Canadians without NCLEX accepted

CGFNS Certificate required, except certain Canadians

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

Credentialing exam must be in English

TOEFL is required

**Educational Requirements:** Verification of educational credentials; transcript review.

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**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; CNATS accepted 1983-1993

NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® examination; State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE); English version of the CNATS (Canadian examination) from 1979-1993

CGFNS Certificate required, unless schooled in English-speaking Canadian schools; not required for license by endorsement, but required for license by examination. Must have transcripts evaluation

Endorsement acceptable if (1) entered nursing program prior to Jan. 1, 1987; (2) completed an associate degree in practical nursing; (3) completed a baccalaureate degree in registered nursing

If nurse entered nursing program after Jan. 1, 1987 and does not have an associate degree in practical nursing or a baccalaureate degree in registered nursing, is eligible to apply for the Transitional License to practice in North Dakota

SSN required

**Educational Requirements:** Nursing education transcript evaluation for compatibility to North Dakota education requirements

### **Ohio**

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**Licensing Requirements:** Not compact state

NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate not required; Credentials evaluation only and Visa Screen verification

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

There is a proposed rule to eliminate TSE requirement for nurses educated in English from February 2002

TSE must be taken if graduated outside the U.S

**Educational Requirements:** Course-by-course evaluation of foreign nursing program

English proficiency test for foreign-educated nurses.

## **Oklahoma**

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**Educational Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required; CGFNS before NCLEX, except certain Canadians

Endorsement acceptable, with NCLEX results and a U.S. state license

SSN not required

Applicant must present evidence of competence in written and oral English by completion of CGFNS and TOEFL, Test of Written English, and Test of Spoken English

Successful completion of the licensing examination adopted by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing is required

**Educational Requirements:** Official transcript from nursing school

## **Oregon**

**Contact:** Joan Bouchard, MN, RN, Executive Director

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Fax: (503) 731-4755

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Web site: [www.osbn.state.or.us/](http://www.osbn.state.or.us/)

**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate not required

Endorsement acceptable

**Educational Requirements:** Must have credentials evaluated and prove proficiency in English

If educated outside the U.S., must have credentials evaluated and document English proficiency by: (1)

submitting evidence that nursing education and clinical experience was in English, or (2) document practicing in the U.S. for 960 hours in the past two years, or (3) score of 560 for written exam or 220 for computer exam of TOEFL, or (4) original CGFNS certificate

## **Pennsylvania**

**Contact:** Miriam Limo, MS, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary

Phone: (717) 783-7142

Fax: (717) 783-0822

Web site: [www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/nurbd/mainpage.htm](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/nurbd/mainpage.htm)

**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required; Canadians accepted without NCLEX

CGFNS Certificate required; except certain Canadians

Endorsement acceptable; with other state NCLEX-based license

J-1 does not need license

SSN required

## **Rhode Island**

**Contact:** Charles Alexandre, MSN, RN, Executive Officer

Phone: (401) 222-5700

Fax: (401) 222-3352

E-mail: charleya@doh.state.ri.us

Web site: [www.health.ri.gov/hsr/professions/nurses.htm](http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/professions/nurses.htm)

**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable, with evidence of a CGFNS credentials evaluation

SSN not required

All nurses (U.S. and foreign) must take a Criminal Background Check (BCI)..

### **South Carolina**

**Contact:** Martha Bursinger, RN, MSN, Executive Director

Phone: (803) 896-4550

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Web site: [www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing)

**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required; for credentials evaluation, CGFNS exam may be also required according to credentials

Endorsement acceptable; with copy of other U.S. state license and practice nursing for minimum 960 hours and nursing competency

Foreign license may be recognized

Proving nursing competency may be accomplished by (1) passing a refresher course, or (2) passing the NCLEX

**Educational Requirements:** Official transcript required

Copy of nursing license from country of original licensure

CES course by course report

### **South Dakota**

**Contact:** Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary

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Web site: [www.state.sd.us/dcr/nursing/](http://www.state.sd.us/dcr/nursing/)

**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, except certain Canadians

Endorsement acceptable, with NCLEX

SSN not required

Temporary permits (90 days) are available for first time NCLEX testers and endorsing RNs

TOEFL, except certain Canadians

**Educational Requirements:** Government-approved four-year high school or equivalent

Government-approved nursing program meeting South Dakota nursing education requirement

Official transcript.

### **Tennessee**

**Contact:** Phone: (615) 532-5166

Fax: (615) 741-7899

E-mail: [elizabeth.lund@mail.state.tn.us](mailto:elizabeth.lund@mail.state.tn.us)

Web site: [www2.state.tn.us/health/Boards/Nursing/](http://www2.state.tn.us/health/Boards/Nursing/)

**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; Canadians may be admitted only with NCLEX

CGFNS Certificate required; also required for endorsement plus school transcripts

Endorsement acceptable, with NCLEX or SBTPE State Board Test Pool Exam

SSN not required

**Educational Requirements:** School transcript

**Contact:** Elizabeth Lund, MSN, RN, Executive Director.

### **Texas**

**Contact:** Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director

Phone: (512) 305-7400

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Web site: [www.bne.state.tx.us/](http://www.bne.state.tx.us/)

**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, or CES

Endorsement acceptable

SSN not required

Work affidavit must be submitted showing all periods of employment for last ten years

Must request Fingerprint Card Packet (two FBI cards)

Passport photos

**Educational Requirements:** Affidavit of Graduation form

Verification of Licensure form (from all countries, territories, states where have held license)

Foreign applicant must demonstrate working in nursing for period of two years at anytime after graduation from nursing program.

## **Utah**

**Contact:** Laura Poe, MS, RN, Executive Administrator

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Web site: [www.commerce.state.ut.us/](http://www.commerce.state.ut.us/)

**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required

Endorsement acceptable, if licensed in another U.S. state; if licensed in compact state does not need UT license; verification of licensure

SSN required; temporary licenses may be issued without SSN, but SSN is required to renew RN licensure

CGFNS credentials evaluation will determine if nurse will have to obtain CGFNS certificate prior to NCLEX

Three fingerprint cards

**Educational Requirements:** Official transcript

Must take only credentials evaluation by either CGFNS or Foundation for International Services, Inc.

## **Vermont**

**Contact:** Anita Ristau, MS, RN, Executive Director

Phone: (802) 828-2396

Fax: (802) 828-2484

Web site: <http://vtprofessionals.org/nurses/>

**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required, if not licensed in U.S.

Endorsement acceptable

SSN not required

If licensed in another U.S. state, can be admitted without CGFNS

Foreign license may be recognized.

## **Virginia**

**Contact:** Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director

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Web site: [www.dhp.state.va.us/nursing/default.htm](http://www.dhp.state.va.us/nursing/default.htm)

**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable (but if educated outside of the U.S. (other than Canada) and not licensed in another U.S. state by examination, contact the Virginia board for requirements)

SSN not required for NCLEX, but required for licensure  
Passport photos Official transcript  
License verification.

### **Washington**

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Web site: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/HPS6/Nursing/default.htm>

**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required; or 4000 hours of licensed practice in one state

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

Foreign license may be recognized

Photo

License verification

**Educational Requirements:** Verification of completion of seven hours of HIV/AIDS education requirement

Nursing school transcript in English.

### **West Virginia**

**Contact:** aura Rhodes, MSN, RN, Executive Director

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Web site: [www.wvrnboard.com](http://www.wvrnboard.com)

**Licensing Requirements:** NCLEX license by exam required

CGFNS Certificate required

Endorsement acceptable

SSN not required

Two passport photos

### **Wisconsin**

**Contact:** Amy Williamson, Department of Regulation and Licensing

Phone: (608) 266-0145

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Web site: <http://drl.wi.gov/index.htm>

**Licensing Requirements:** Compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; Canadian or foreign nurses without NCLEX accepted if they have current active license in another state

CGFNS Certificate required; only credentials evaluation required if schooled in English. If nurse not schooled in English, exam required also

Endorsement acceptable

SSN required

TOEFL before NCLEX may be required

**Educational Requirements:** High school or its equivalent

diploma from accredited school of nursing

Graduates of non-U.S. schools: successful completion of a qualifying examination

Statement of Foreign Nursing Education.

## **Wyoming**

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Web site: <http://nursing.state.wy.us/>

**Licensing Requirements:** Not compact state

NCLEX license by exam required; need CGFNS credentialing before taking NCLEX

CGFNS Certificate required, and also passage of NCLEX

Endorsement acceptable, with CGFNS certificate

SSN required

Nursing application not available online; background checks/fingerprint cards required

**Educational Requirements:** Notarized copy of current license (endorsement applicant); or notarized letter from school stating completion of nursing school requirements or official transcript (exam applicant), for temporary permit