

PROGRAM	
Associate Degree Nursing, Associate in Applied Science	
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PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE NOTES
<p>All 50 states, Washington DC, and 4 territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the US virgin Islands) exclusively use the NCLEX-RN for RN licensure. Puerto Rico allows the use of either the NCLEX-RN or the Puerto Rico Nursing Board of Examiners Exam to qualify for RN licensure. To be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN in any jurisdiction, the educational requirement is to have graduated from a Board of Nursing approved nursing program in one of the member states or territories.</p> <p>Some states require that a particular body accredit the nursing program. Examples of licensure application requirements (among others) may include submission of an official college transcript, a Social Security number, and a photo ID, driver's license, or passport. Some states require criminal background checks and fingerprinting. Final determination of individual state requirements for licensure by examination can only be confirmed by that state's licensing body.</p> <p>North Carolina particpties in the National Licensure Compact, made up of 41 jurisdictions. https://nursecompact.com/</p> <p>Sandhills Community College Associate Degree Nursing program is approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing and nationally accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation. Graduates of Sandhills' ADN program who successfully pass the NCLEX-RN and are issued a license to practice in the State of North Carolina are eligible to apply for licensure by endorsement in states outside of North Carolina/compact states.</p> <p>To easily find professional nursing licensure requirements in other states, visit https://www.ncsbn.org/nursing-regulation/education/board-of-nursing-professional-licensure-requirements.page</p>

STATE *denotes compact state	MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	DOES NOT MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
Alabama	X		
Alaska		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
American Samoa		X	
Arizona	X		
Arkansas	X		
California		X	Can apply for licensure by endorsement
Colorado	X		
Connecticut		X	Can apply for licensure by endorsement
Delaware	X		
Florida	X		
Georgia	X		
Guam		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
Hawaii		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
Idaho	X		
Illinois		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
Indiana	X		
Iowa	X		
Kansas	X		
Kentucky	X		
Louisiana	X		
Maine	X		
Maryland	X		
Massachusetts		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
Michigan		X	Can apply for licensure by endorsement
Minnesota		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
Mississippi	X		
Missouri	X		
Montana	X		
Nebraska	X		
Nevada		X	Can apply for licensure by endorsement
New Hampshire	X		
New Jersey	X		
New Mexico	X		
New York		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
North Carolina	X		
North Dakota	X		
Northern Mariana Islands		X	Can apply for licensure by endorsement
Ohio		X	Can apply for licensure by endorsement
Oklahoma	X		
Oregon		X	Can apply for licensure by endorsement
Pennsylvania		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
Puerto Rico		X	Can apply for licensure by endorsement
Rhode Island		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement

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South Carolina	X		
South Dakota	X		
Tennessee	X		
Texas	X		
US Virgin Islands		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
Utah	X		
Vermont	X		
Virginia	X		
Washington		X	NLC Compact Pending; can apply for licensure by endorsement
West Virginia	X		
Wisconsin	X		
Wyoming	X		

