RN Licensing & NCLEX: You are almost there!

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Course Objectives

- Outline process for initial RN licensure
- Outline registration steps for taking the NCLEX exam
- Identify helpful resources for RN initial licensure and NCLEX exam preparation
Ready, set, 1-2 months before graduation.....GO!

What Now?

RN License

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RN Licensure Process

➢ Decide which state you will apply in:
   Where will you be working?
   Is this an enhanced compact nursing license state? (See later explanation)
   Will you be working in more than one state?

➢ Review state Board of Nursing website:
   Requirements
   Application
   Fees
RN Licensure Process

- Arizona – you can find application information on the https://www.azbn.gov site by clicking on
  - Licensure & Certification; Application Instructions; RN/LPN Examination
RN Licensure Process

Direct web address for AZ application information

https://www.azbn.gov/licensure-certification/application-instructions/rn-lpn-examination/#
RN Licensure Process

AZ – Instructional videos for:
- How to Create an Account on the Nurse Portal
- How to Submit an RN Application
- New Graduate Application Process (coming soon)

RN Licensure Process

- Download the application or apply online for the RN License by Examination
- AZ is only online – register to access through the AZ Nurse Portal
UA CON Program Codes

**BSN**
US96505300

**MEPN**
US96505500
BreEZe Online Application
Program Codes for California

**BSN**
A3013

**MEPN**
NM071
RN Licensure Process

➢ Obtain your fingerprints from a site/card number the BON has recommended

➢ Submit application, fingerprints, proof of citizenship/nationality/alien status, fees, and any other documents or photos required (states other than Arizona may/will need a transcript and certificate of completion or education verification)
RN Licensure Process: Validation of Education

➢ **For Arizona:** Once a student has applied for the RN license through the AZ Nurse Portal, their name is placed on a list that the CON will check once a month to verify successful completion of the program. Apply early, up to 2 months before graduation, to prevent delay of education validation reaching the AZ BON.
RN Licensure Process:
Validation of Education

➢ For license outside of Arizona:
Student must contact that state BON to get the appropriate form for verification of education. Print and fill out the verification form. Deliver filled out verification form to Amanda Gluski in the OSSCE office, 1-2 months before graduation, with a request to be sent to the designated BON.
RN Licensure Process

➢ **If a transcript is needed**, you can order it through the registrars office as soon as your degree has posted (check through student center portal)

➢ **Cost** : $10

➢ [https://www.registrar.arizona.edu/transcripts](https://www.registrar.arizona.edu/transcripts)
Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC)

Under the eNLC, nurses are able to provide care to patients in other eNLC states, without having to obtain additional licenses. AZ is a eNLC state.
Map of States In the Enhanced NLC (May. 24, 2018)

Map via NCSBN.org
Benefits of eNLC Multistate License

1) Opportunity to practice in all eNLC states

2) Able to practice telenursing in all eNCL states

3) Able to teach via distance education in all eNLC states

4) Allows nurses to easily provide nursing services during disasters involving other eNCL states
Requirements for requesting an initial RN license in a compact state is the same as in states not in the compact, except...

You need to declare a primary state of residence as defined by where you you:

- have a driver’s license
- are registered to vote
- pay taxes
Navigating the Nurse Licensure Compact: Licensure by Endorsement

When declaring a new primary state of residence (PSOR) or obtaining a license in another state

**Is your new primary state of residence (PSOR) a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact?**

- **No**
  - Apply for licensure in that state.
  - You may not practice in a non-compact state until you receive a temporary or permanent license.
  - You may hold multiple licenses for non-compact states.
  - Your new single-state license is valid for practice only in the state of issuance.

- **Yes**
  - Apply for an RN or LPN license in your new primary state of residence.
  - Upon establishing residency, you may continue to practice for up to 30 or 90 days (consult your BON) on your privilege to practice from the previous home state/PSOR.
  - Your former license will be inactivated upon receipt of new home state license.

  - **Was your previous PSOR a compact state?**
    - **Yes**
      - Your new multi-state license grants a privilege to practice in all NLC states contingent upon remaining a resident of the issuing state.
    - **No**
      - Apply for an RN or LPN license in your new primary state of residence.
      - You may hold one multistate RN or LPN license but may hold multiple non-compact state licenses.
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NCLEX
Everything you need to know about taking the NCLEX...

...you will most likely find on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) website:

https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm
NCLEX Support Resources

https://www.ncsbn.org/1213.htm

2019 NCLEX Candidate Bulletin
- Important information for NCLEX
- registration, scheduling, what to bring,
- testing rules & regulations, what to
- expect on the day of the exam, test
- information, passing standards, and more.
- This is a must have document!

2019 NCLEX Information Flyer
- Highlights for before, during, and after
- the NCLEX, lists acceptable ID, and
- contact information.
NCLEX Support Resources

2016 Test Plans: RN, RN Detailed, and RN Detailed Educator Version

- Test plans help guide preparation for the exam
- Define Client Needs categories
- Describe distribution of content
- Sample NCLEX items
- Test plans are current through March 31, 2019

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
https://www.ncsbn.org/testplans.htm
Eight Steps of the **NCLEX** Process

1. Apply for RN licensure or registration with one board of nursing (AZ $350)
2. Register and pay exam fee at Pearson VUE ($200)
3. Receive email acknowledgement of receipt of registration from Pearson VUE
4. BON grants you eligibility to take exam and notifies Pearson VUE
5. Receive Authorization to Test (ATT) email from Pearson VUE (must test within validity dates, approx. 90 days)
6. Schedule NCLEX exam appointment through Pearson VUE
7. Arrive at exam with acceptable ID & ATT email
8. Receive results within 6 weeks from BON, unofficial results in 2 business days in some states for a minimal fee
Contact Pearson VUE regarding:

- Registering for the NCLEX
- Payment methods
- Authorization to Test (ATT) emails
- Scheduling or rescheduling
- Acceptable identification

Contact Information:

- Online: www.pearsonvue.com/nclex
- Call NCLEX Candidate Services: 1.866.496.2539
Pearson VUE Program Codes

BSN
US96505300

MEPN
US96505500

Use the number that fits the number of spaces on the application for Pearson VUE or state nursing applications.
NCLEX Results....wait for it

Examination results are sent to the BON. Only the BON can release the results and the results will be sent to the candidate within 6 weeks.

**BUT that seems like an eternity....so...**

Within 2 business days, many states (including Arizona) offer unofficial “quick results” for $7.95 through the quick results service available on the NCLEX Candidate website at:

http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex/
Yikes...what if I didn’t pass

Breathe!
Candidate Performance Report (CPR)

CPR is an individualized 2-page document providing information regarding your performance within the 8 test content areas. You can use this to guide your review.

- NCSBN requires a retake exam no earlier than 45 days, and ability to retake up to 8 times a year.

- Check with BON to determine how many retakes are possible and within what period of time.
Graduation/Convocation in 2018

Thursday, May 9, 2019
Graduating: BSN, RN-MSN, DNP, PhD
10 am Awards Reception at CON 117
2 pm Convocation at Centennial Hall

Thursday, August 17, 2019
Graduating: MEPN, RN-MSN, DNP, PhD
10 am Awards Reception at CON 117
2 pm Convocation at Student Union Grand Ballroom

Thursday, December 13, 2019
Graduating: BSN, RN-MSN, DNP, PhD
Important Links & Resources

National Council of State Boards of Nursing
https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm

Arizona Board of Nursing
https://www.azbn.gov

Pearson Vue
http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex/

University of Arizona Registrar
https://www.registrar.arizona.edu/transcripts

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