

Pathway to Obtain Licensure

You **MUST** have an active Registered Nurse license in New York State to be eligible to apply for a license as a Clinical Nurse Specialist

	CNS Pathway 1 Completing a CNS Education Program approved by NYSED from a U.S. State or jurisdiction	CNS Pathway 2 Being a Nationally Certified CNS	CNS Pathway 3 Being licensed as a CNS in another U.S. State or Jurisdiction
	Required Materials	Required Materials	Required Materials
Online Form 1 - Application for Clinical Nurse Specialist	Required	Required	Required
\$80 Fee for Licensure and First Registration	Required	Required	Required
Clinical Nurse Specialist Form 2 - Certification of Professional Education	Required, see note 1	Required, see note 1	Required, see note 1
Clinical Nurse Specialist Form 3 - Verification of Other Professional Licensure/Certification			Required, see note 2
Clinical Nurse Specialist Form 3C - Verification of Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification		Required, see note 3	

Note 1: An official transcript must be submitted with Clinical Nurse Specialist Form 2.

Note 2: Applicants must submit a form 3 for each US state or territory in which they have ever held or currently hold a CNS license. NYS licenses in any profession do not need to be verified.

Note 3: If the applicant holds a CNS national certification in the specialty they are applying for, the certifying organization may send verification to NYSED electronically by email to DLPSVERIF@nysed.gov.