

Pathways to Obtain Licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse

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	For graduates of New York State-approved nursing schools (and never licensed as an LPN or LVN)	For graduates of nursing schools in another state or a U.S. territory (and never licensed as an LPN or LVN)	For LPNs or LVNs who have been licensed in another state or U.S. territory (and who graduated from nursing school in the U.S.)	For graduates of foreign nursing schools (outside the U.S. and U.S. territories).	For graduates of U.S. Armed Forces practical nursing programs
	Required Materials	Required Materials	Required Materials	Required Materials	Required Materials
Online Form 1 - Application for Licensure for Licensed Practical Nurse	Required, see note 1	Required	Required	Required	Required
\$143 Fee for Licensure and First Registration	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
High School/Secondary School or Equivalent Diploma	See note 2	Required	Required, see note 2	Required, see note 3	Required
Nursing Form 2 - Certification of Professional Education & Transcript		Required, see notes 4 & 4A	Required, see notes 4 & 4A		
Nursing Form 2AF - Certification of Equivalent U.S. Armed Forces Education for LPN Licensure					Required, see note 3A
Nursing Form 2F - Certification of Foreign Nursing Education				Required, see notes 5 & 9	
Nursing Form 3 - Verification of Other Professional Licensure/ Certification	See note 6	See note 6	Required, see note 6	See notes 6 & 9	See note 6
Nursing Form 3F - Verification of Foreign Professional Licensure/ Certification				Required, see note 7	
Verification by NURSUS for endorsement			Required, see note 8	See note 8	Required, see note 8
CGFNS				Required, see note 9	
Infection Control Training	See note 10	Required, see notes 11 & 12	Required, see notes 11 & 12	Required, see notes 11 & 12	Required, see notes 11 & 12

- Note 1:** Graduates of NYS approved nursing schools **do not need** to submit a high school/secondary school or equivalent diploma or transcript with Form 1. Be sure to consult with your school about Form 1NYS before completing an online form 1.
- Note 2:** Graduates of NYS Nursing Schools do not need to submit Form 2/Transcript and Infection Control Certification. NYS schools automatically submit this information to our office upon graduation.
- Note 3: Graduates of foreign nursing schools must submit their High School AND** nursing school diploma in their **original language**.
- Note 3A:** The Form 2AF must be accompanied by the following, depending on branch of service: applicants who served in the Army require an official transcript be submitted with the form; applicants who served in the Air Force require **either** a Student Training Report, **or** METC (Medical Education and Training Campus) transcript **and** an official CCAF (Community College of the Air Force) transcript).
- Note 4:** To take the NCLEX-PN, you must register online with Pearson VUE (the company that offers the NCLEX in the U.S. and other countries) at <https://www.nclex.com/>. If you have a disability and are seeking a reasonable accommodation to take the NCLEX-PN, submit a completed Request for Reasonable Testing Accommodations Form to NYSED. Request for Reasonable Testing Accommodations Form. NYSED will inform you in writing whether your request has been approved. You will not be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN until your request has been processed by NYSED.
- Note 4A: Graduates of nursing schools in the US or any of its territories, except NYS,** must submit a Form 2 and transcript sent directly from the school. Nursing schools submit these documents for graduates by mail or email (DPLSEUDUC@nysed.gov).
- Note 5: ALL** documents that are submitted **NEED** to be in English **OR** have an **accompanying qualified translation**.
- Note 6:** Unless the applicant is using NURSUS to verify their licensure, they must submit a form 3 for each US state or territory in which they have ever held or currently hold a professional license. NYS licenses in any profession do not need to be verified.
- Note 7:** The applicant must submit a Form 3F if they are licensed in a foreign country.
- Note 8:** Nursys® is an online RN and LPN/LVN license verification service. If you were/are licensed as an LPN, LVN or RN in a state that participates in Nursys®, you must use the Nursys® service to verify your nursing license to NYSED. To find out whether your state participates in Nursys® or to sign up for Nursys®, visit <https://www.nursys.com/>. If you were/are licensed as an LPN/LVN or RN in a state or a US Territory that DOES NOT participate in Nursys®, use Nurse Form 3.
- Note 9:** Applicants using method 4 may either use CGFNS **OR** may request that their foreign nursing school AND licensing authority send completed Forms 2F & 3F directly to NYS.
- Note 10:** Infection Control Cert. is only required if the applicant's graduation date is more than 4 years prior to your initial application date. This certification must be renewed every 4 years.
- Note 11:** Infection Control Training certification must be NYS approved (see our website for a list of approved providers). Certification may be sent electronically by the NYS approved provider.
- Note 12:** LPN Applicants & licensees must provide the required infection control certification when applying for a license and every 4 years after their first submission.