

## Pathways to Obtain Licensure as a Registered Nurse

Pathway to Obtain Licensure	RN Pathway 1	RN Pathway 2	RN Pathway 3	RN Pathway 4	RN Pathway 5
	For graduates of New York State-approved nursing schools (and never licensed as an RN)	For graduates of nursing schools in another state or a U.S. territory (and never licensed as an RN)	For a RN who has been licensed in another state or U.S. territory (and who graduated from nursing school in the U.S.)	For RN applicants with recent Canadian BSN, BN or BScN degrees.	For graduates of foreign nursing schools (outside the U.S. and U.S. territories).
	Required Materials	Required Materials	Required Materials	Required Materials	Required Materials
Online Form 1 - Application for Licensure for Registered Nurse	Required, see note 1	Required	Required	Required	Required, see note 2
\$143 Fee for Licensure and First Registration	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Nursing Form 2 - Certification of Professional Education & Transcript		Required, see notes 4 & 5	Required, see notes 4 & 4A	Required, see notes 4B & 5	
Nursing Form 2F - Certification of Foreign Nursing Education					Required, see notes 6 & 10
Nursing Form 3 - Verification of Other Professional Licensure/ Certification	See note 7	See note 7	Required, see note 7	See notes 7 & 10	See notes 7 & 10
Nursing Form 3F - Verification of Foreign Professional Licensure/ Certification				Required, see note 8	Required, see note 8
Verification by <a href="#">NURSUS</a> for endorsement			Required, see note 9	See note 9	See note 9
CGFNS					Required, see note 10
Infection Control Training	See note 11	Required, see notes 12 & 13	Required, see notes 12 & 13	Required, see notes 12 & 13	Required, see notes 12 & 13
Child Abuse Identification & Reporting Coursework Requirement; <b>OR</b> Exemption Form		Required, see note 13	Required, see note 13	Required, see note 13	Required, see note 13

**Note 1:** Be sure to consult with your school about Form 1NYS before completing an online form 1.

**Note 2:** Graduates of foreign nursing schools must submit their nursing school diploma in their **original language**.

**Note 3:** Graduates of NYS approved nursing Schools do not need to submit Form 2/Transcript and Infection Control as well as Child Abuse Identification & Reporting Certification. NYS schools automatically submit this information to our office upon graduation.

**Note 4:** 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 (DPLSEdUC@nysed.gov).

**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 NYS school. Nursing schools submit these documents for graduates by mail or email (DPLSEdUC@nysed.gov). The education certified must be what allowed you to sit for the NCLEX originally.

**Note 4B:** Graduates of nursing schools in Canadian territories (except Quebec) with a BSN after 1/1/15 must submit a Form 2 and transcript sent directly from the school. Applicants **who graduated before the 1/1/15 cutoff date** or whose nursing education comes from schools in Quebec should use RN Pathway 5.

**Note 5:** To take the NCLEX-RN, 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-RN, 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-RN until your request has been processed by NYSED.

**Note 6:** **ALL** documents that are submitted **NEED** to be in English **OR** have an **accompanying qualified translation**.

**Note 7:** 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 8:** The applicant must submit a Form 3F if they are licensed as a nurse in a foreign country.

**Note 9:** 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 10:** Applicants using pathway 4 may either use CGFNS **OR** may request that their foreign nursing school AND licensing authority send completed Forms 2F (with official transcript) & 3F directly to NYS.

**Note 11:** 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 12:** RN Applicants & licensees must provide the required infection control certification when applying for a license and every 4 years after their first submission.

**Note 13:** Both Infection Control Training and Child Abuse Identification & Reporting Coursework certification must be NYS approved (see our website for a list of approved providers). Certification may be sent electronically by the NYS approved provider.